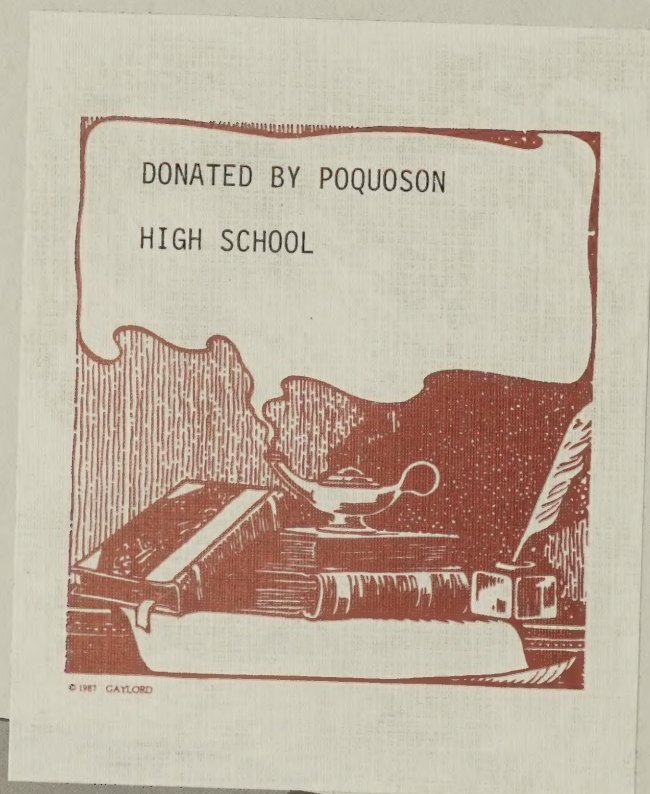




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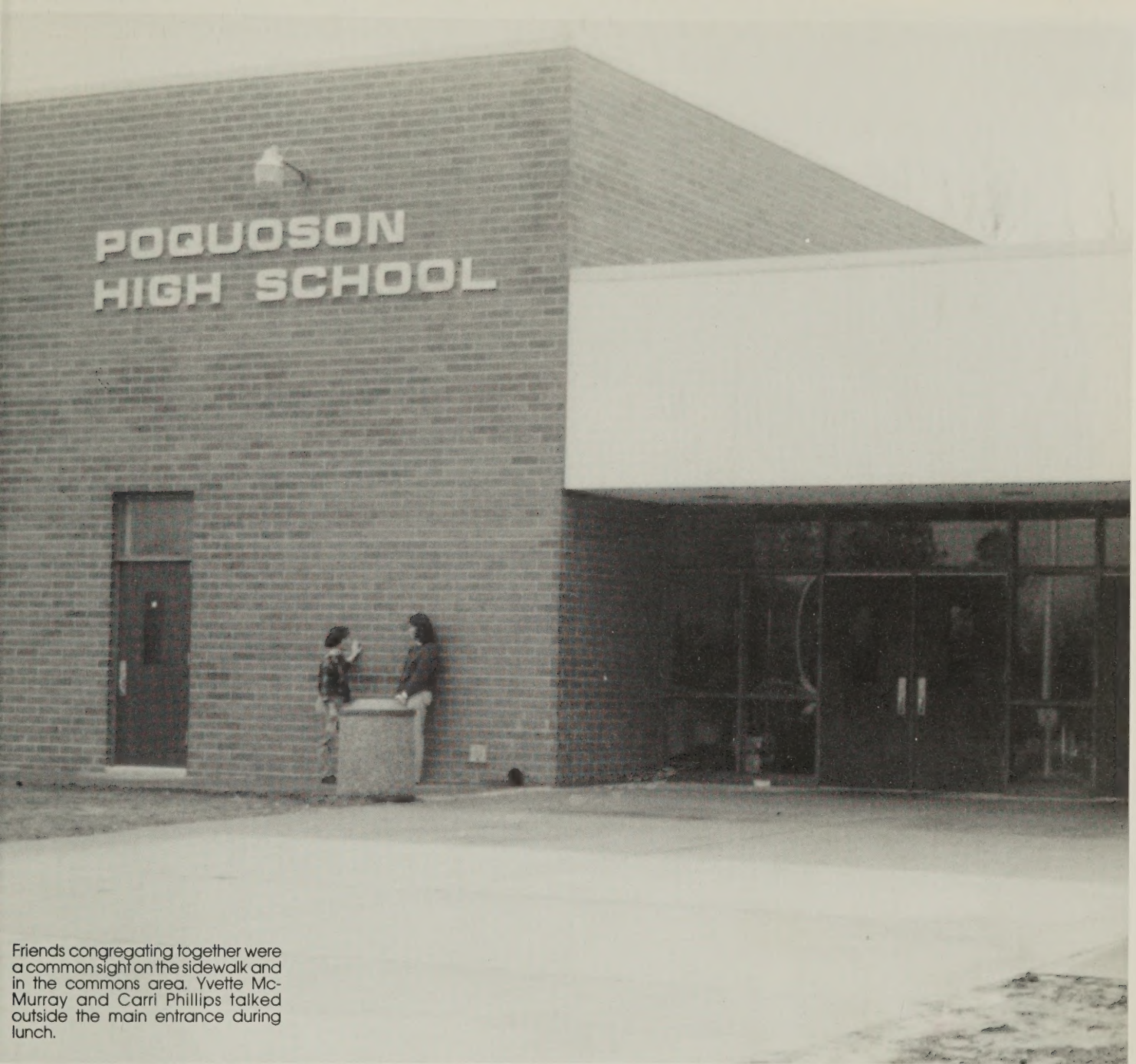
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Friends congregating together were a common sight on the sidewalk and in the commons area. Yvette McMurray and Carri Phillips talked outside the main entrance during lunch.

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IMAGINE THIS ...

Imagine this:

The year 1986 forgotten forever in the midst of the ages. No pictures, no words ... nothing. Time has carried away from our minds all our fond memories. Do you get the idea?

Now imagine this:

An old treasure chest containing the memories of the past; a nook where the yesterday is still alive and breathes. A magic book where the voices, images and moments that already belong to the ages are recorded. A few pages that resurrect the best of these ages. The magic of the press and the dark room have made possible such a miracle. Here we have tried to preserve for you the most significant moments of the year. "La creme de la creme" of our memories!

Behind us now are the SATs, the semester exams and the stealing of others' places in the parking area; we have also left behind us the pep rallies, Homecoming and so many happy moments that we have had here.

Poor seniors — we have lost our privileges again and it will be a long time until we wear caps and gowns again! Now only the number '86 engraved in our class medals, class seals

and all the nooks of our memory will bring back to our minds one of the best times of our lives. Photographs, senior pictures and good remembrances are the only things of this golden spring of our life that time will let us keep.

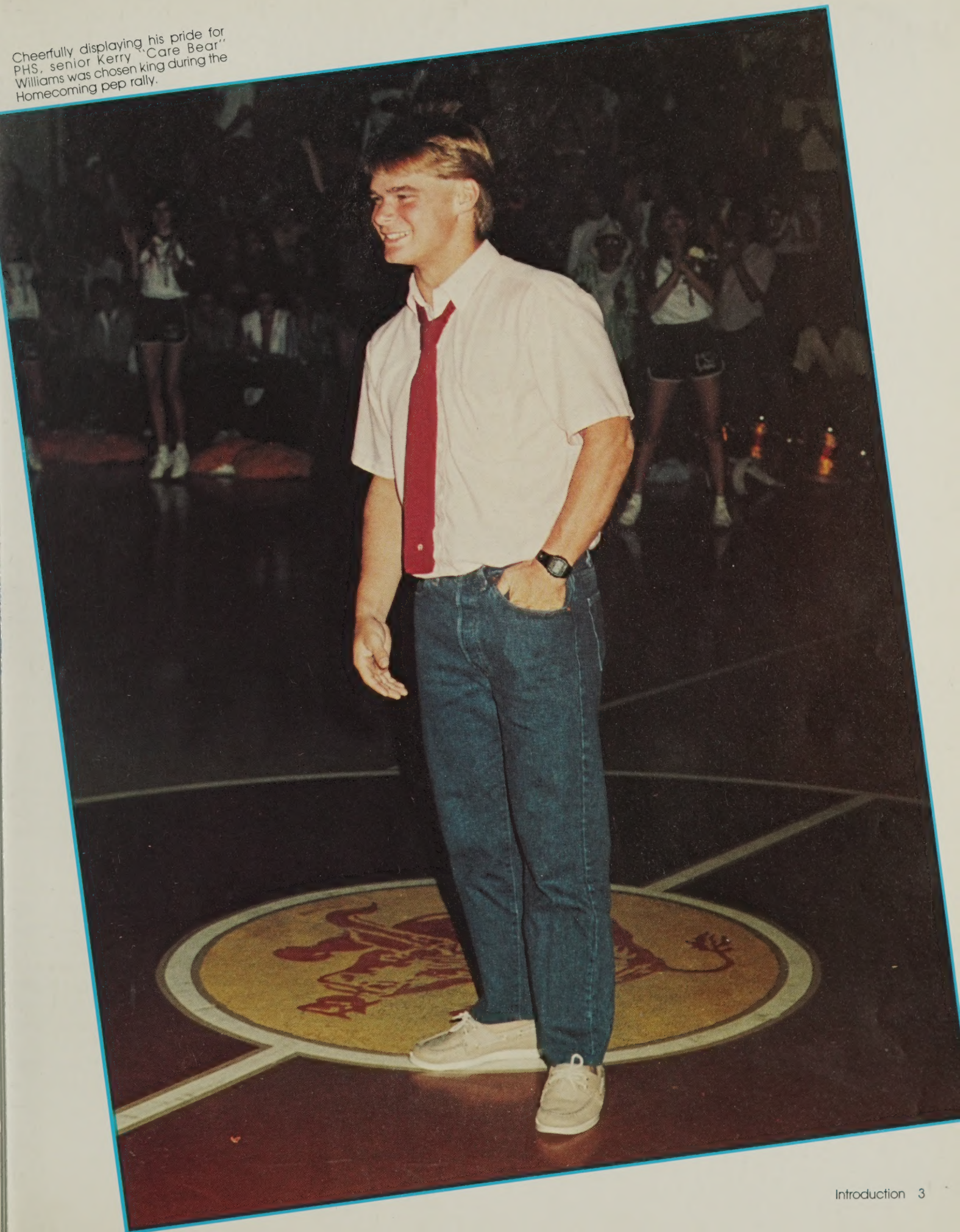
We have carefully selected for you the best of the best; we have been working hard because we know how special the year was for all of us, and because we want you to view these pages as if you were reading the best part of your own biography.

Juniors, sophomores, and freshmen, you are going to be the inheritors of this wonderful property, because you deserve the best! We want you to anticipate how great your senior year will be (time runs fast; you don't believe us? You will see!) We hope that your senior year will bring at least as much fun as it has to us, and that it will provide the same fond memories.

Here finishes the boring speech and begins the best of the year: Enjoy it, because now it belongs to the ages ... and also to you, of course!

— Luis M. Cuesta Civis

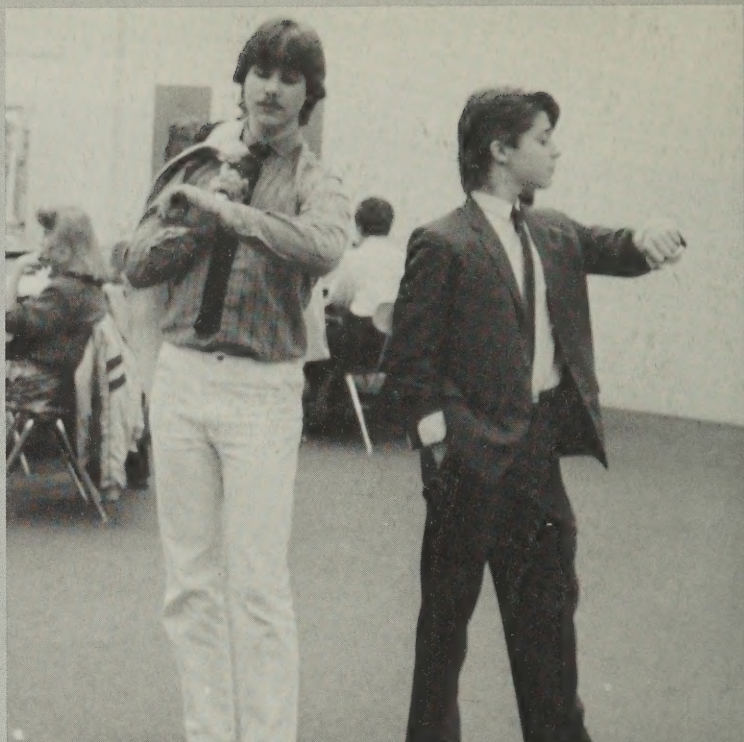
Cheerfully displaying his pride for PHS, senior Kerry "Care Bear" Williams was chosen king during the Homecoming pep rally.





On Toga Day, Senior Keith Bocklet tries to socialize with an unwilling senior, Diane Taylor, during second lunch.

Trying to keep up with each other, Scott Alexander and Charles Woodruff synchronize their watches.



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Imagine this . . . the alarm rings and you're rudely awakened at the break of dawn. Glancing at the clock on your bedside table, you see it's 6:15. You rise from your warm bed, stretch, and begin your morning routine.

After breakfast, you grab your books and head out the door. You reach your bus stop and stand in the cold morning air.

You arrive at school and walk toward your friends. The bell rings at 7:31 and you break away to go to your first hour class. The teacher walks in the room and starts the morning lesson.

Brrrrriiiiiinnnnnggggg! ends another Friday. You grab your books, and rush to catch the bus home. The bus comes to a shuddering halt and you hop off and begin the trek to your house. Inside, you begin your homework. After studying, you get ready for dinner.

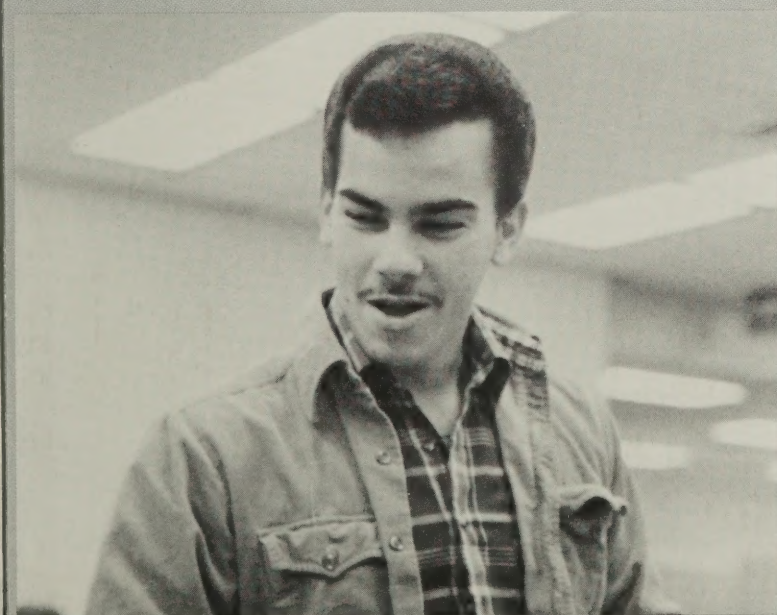
After dinner, you head for the living room and sit down to watch a couple hours of television . . . until you realize that you're bored. The same old things just don't hold any appeal for you. What's there to do on a Friday night besides go to the mall, catch a movie, or stay at home and watch the tube? There isn't anything to do anymore. What's left?

Sometimes we don't realize how important activities are to most students. Activities give the students something to do besides homework and television. They make school life less tedious and bring the students together in a more social environment, forming memories to carry with us for the rest of our lives. How many times have you wanted to go to school just because there was some activity afterwards? So many activities take place after school, such as dances, hall decorating, and play rehearsals.

Sometimes we forget to appreciate the variety of activities offered to us at school. Enjoy that variety . . .



Play rehearsals were no laughing matter for Chip Tiffany, Angie Douglas, and Greg Disenza. Here they diligently went over their lines for the play "The Mouse that Roared."



Waiting for the 5th hour bell to ring, Brian Zamora stops by a lunch table to talk with some friends.

The Stars! The Glamour!

Madonna! Grace Jones! Tom Petty! Sly Stallone! The MacKenzie Brothers! Those adorable Care Bears! These are just some of the famous screen idols and songsters that could be seen in the halls during the first week of October.

What brought these Hollywood stars to such a humble abode? To put it simply, they were never here. They were impostors, participating in the fun and merriment of Homecoming week.

Each day of the week was assigned a different cat-

egory for dress up. The week began with Costume Day. The traditional clowns and flashers were present but the halls were really dominated by the Madonnas and Tom Pettys of today. A Care Bear or occasional Smurfette could be seen among the pop singers.

Tuesday was Pee Wee Herman Day. The school's most popular preps, jocks, and beauties were turned into geeks and nerds. Tacky clothes, broken glasses, and lunchboxes were in evidence everywhere. Movie Day, on

Wednesday, brought some of the real superstars back. Along with the Rambos and Tom Cruises were some of the oldies such as Marilyn Monroe, Judy Garland as Dorothy, and Vivien Leigh's loveably vicious Scarlett O'Hara.

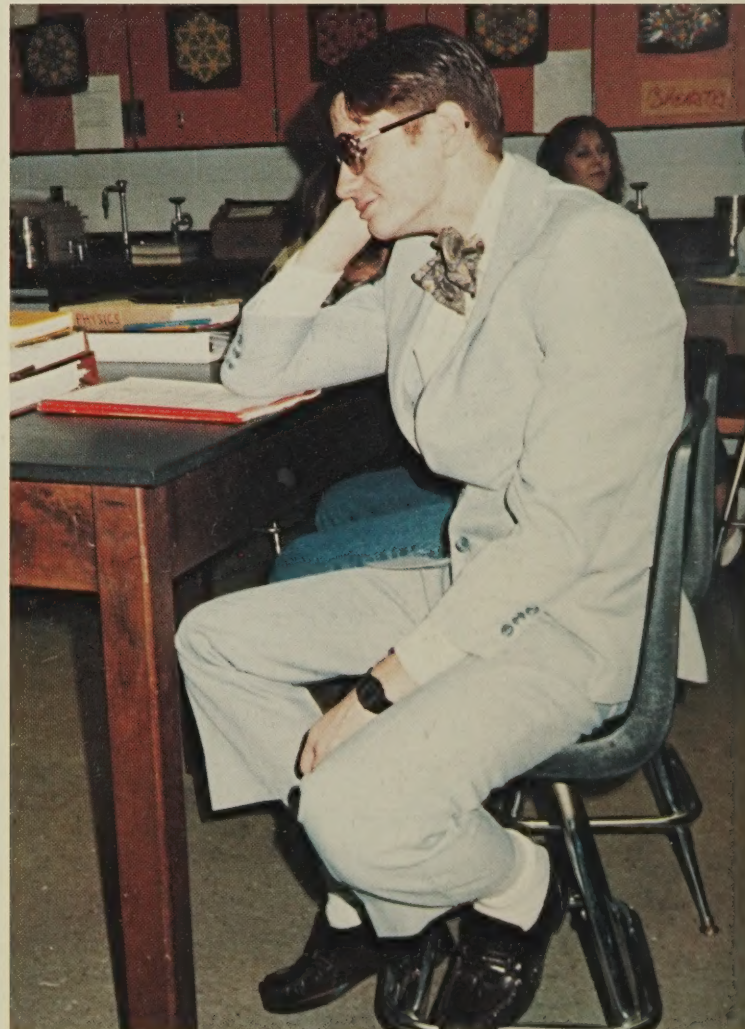
Thursday was the traditional mourning day for the opponents, the Gloucester Dukes. The students came to school decked out in black. Some ladies and gentlemen even dressed for the "funeral" in their best dark suits and black veils.

Friday, Toga Day, was the day that all seniors waited for. While the rest of the classes wore their maroon and gold duds, the seniors draped themselves with sheets of assorted shades and patterns. Top celebrities such as the peanuts gang, the Star Wars cast, and the Sesame Street gang **really** were hanging around... the bodies of the seniors! The day was filled with laurel wreaths, maroon and gold face paints, and general merriment by all.



Dress-up day inspired seniors Karlin Hedin and Tatiana Abemathy to disguise themselves as McKenzie brothers.

Togas and face paint do not stop Stacey Tyndall from enjoying her lunch.



On Pee Wee Herman day, Senior Gregg Discenza showed Poquoson what a real nerd should be.

Cheers!

The senior class streamed through the side doors into the middle of the gym, signaling the beginning of the homecoming pep-rally. The screaming, toga-clad upperclassmen paraded around the gym before taking their seats in the stands with the rest of the excited student body.

The band played while the Majorettes, Pom Pon Squad, and Flag corps performed for the roaring crowd.

The members of the football team presented the

cheerleaders with corsages. Kerry Williams was chosen from the senior football players as this year's Homecoming King. The cheerleaders performed their Hacha Cha Chacha cheer for him.

The cheerleaders urged the crowd on as each class vied for the spirit stick. The final decision ended in a victory for the seniors. The pep rally concluded with an uproarious chorus of the alma mater and hope for a victorious game.

Senior cheerleader Tara Smith congratulates Homecoming King Kerry Williams.



The flag corps is always a part of the pep rally. Rhonda Hanson concentrated on a perfect routine.

All the band auxiliaries performed at the pep rally. Pom pon girls D'Arcy Rogers and Kathy Mahler flashed spirited smiles during the routine.

Here It Comes!

As a participant in the Homecoming Parade, senior class president Burma Nelsen smiles as she passes her friends.



WWHHRRRR! WWHHRRRR! The sirens of the police cars and fire engines announced the arrival of the Homecoming Parade. Police Chief Jackie White rode at the head, offering smiles to the anxious onlookers.

The marching band followed, pounding out their well-rehearsed tunes with excited vigor. The cheerleading squads of all three schools were present, their voices adding to the din as they clapped and threw candy to the waiting crowd.

The representatives of each class rode by in racy

convertible or T-tops, offering waves and warm smiles to their friends and family.

The members of the varsity football and J.V. football team, as well as the city youth football teams, rode by in the backs of pick-up trucks, shouting cheers of victory for the upcoming game. The members of the other sports teams also made appearances in the melee of people and vehicles.

Many members of the local royalty were present, such as Miss PHS, Christine French, and Miss Sparky, Donna Shackleford. The

senior class president Burma Nelsen, and illustrious SCA president Brian Bartram, were also a part of the procession.

The Homecoming floats were displayed behind trucks packed full of class members who were cheering and tossing streamers and treats to the people on the sides of the road. The parade could still be heard even after it turned the corner and headed for the Municipal Building, leaving in its wake an air of excitement and many empty candy wrappers.



Senior Homecoming representative Susan Roberts throws candy to the parade watchers.

The title of SCA President seems to be very enjoyable for senior Brian Bartram as he rides down Poquoson Avenue in the parade.



Senior cheerleader Robbie Insley shows his spirit in the Homecoming Parade.



"Don't Be Bullied!"

The Homecoming float competition winner was announced at the football game on Friday night, October 4. The juniors came in first and the sophomores finished second.

The athletic building behind Poquoson Middle School served as headquarters for the construction of the 1985 Homecoming floats. The theme of the floats was commercials and the floats were judged on originality, construction, and relation to theme.

The freshmen float was based on the Marva Maid commercial. The title was "We're Gonna Beat the Dukes, Ya Knowwhatlmean, Vern?" The float showed a house with Ernie's face peering through a window as he talked to Vern.

The sophomore float was based on the Bully Bowl Cleanser commercial. Its theme was "Don't be bullied by the Dukes; Bully the Dukes instead." The float showed a bull in a bathroom flushing the toilet with a Gloucester

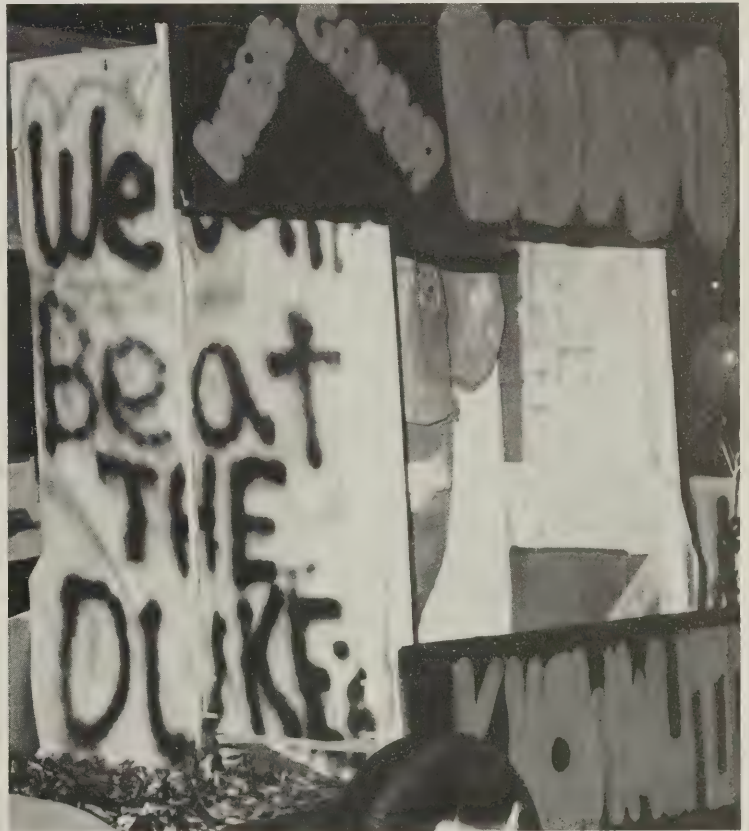
Duke being flushed down.

The junior class chose the Schlitz Maltz Liquor Bull commercial with their title being "No one does it like the Bull." The float showed Poquoson High School with a bull coming through the wall and stepping on a Gloucester football player.

The senior float was a take-off on the Roach Motel commercial. The title was "The Dukes check in but don't

check out." It had the PHS Motel, complete with horns, and a Gloucester Duke trying to escape the motel.

The announcement of the float competition winner started the Homecoming celebration and finally ended the nightmares of chicken wire, paper towels, and maroon and gold paint.



The freshmen float read, "We're gonna beat the Dukes! Ya Knowwhatlmean, Vern?" The float took second in the competition.

The junior float won the competition. The float read, "No one does it like the Bull!"



Freshman class representative Robbi Fixx was escorted by David Britt.



Sophomore class representative Leslie Cornelius was also a representative for freshman year. Her escort was Lance Martin.



Junior class representative Dee Dee Ward has been president of her class since her freshman year. She was escorted by Robbie Paul.



Senior class representative Natalie Whitlow was the Vice-president of her junior class and treasurer of her sophomore class. Her escort was

Tom Cannella. Natalie remembered, "I was so nervous that I didn't even realize that I was holding Tom's arm."



Senior class representative Susan Roberts was a Homecoming representative for both her sophomore and junior years. Her escort was Emie Bretana. When asked about Home-

coming nervousness, Susan replied, "I was afraid that Kim McCabe would drive too fast and that I would fall off of the back of the car in front of everyone."

He's Coming Over Here.

Tara Smith: Homecoming Queen

There we all stood in the middle of the football field, with everyone in the stands staring at us. In the background, I could faintly hear

the voice of the announcer over the P.A. system, his monotone voice carrying throughout the night. While we waited there for what

seemed like an eternity, I looked up and saw Mr. Olen Evans walking straight towards me and my escort, Chad Grube. As Mr. Evans

continued to head in our direction, I felt Chad squeezing my arm and whispering in a frantic voice, "Tara, he's coming over here! He's coming over here!" In my mind, I hysterically tried to rationalize Mr. Evans' advancing towards us, thinking he was going to start at the beginning of the line and walk down it to pick the winner. As he came to a stop in front of me, I realized that I was the winner. I was this year's Homecoming Queen.

Suddenly, I heard my name announced over the intercom system as the winner. Mr. Evans handed me a dozen beautiful red roses. Lisa Sibbers, last year's Homecoming Queen, walked up to me and placed the winner's sash over my shoulders and a beautiful crown on my head. She gave me a big hug and as I looked up at her, I could see the same tears in her eyes that were about to fall from mine. Then Chad was leading me back to the car. I was shaking so badly I didn't think I would be able to sit on top of the car without falling off, but somehow I managed. As I realized we were driving off the field, the whole thing seemed to have lasted the duration of a single second.

The 1985 Homecoming Queen, Tara Smith, was her sophomore class Vice-president. She was also a Homecoming Representative her freshman year. Her escort was Chad Grube, who was also a Homecoming escort his sophomore year. Tara sums up her nervousness on Homecoming night by saying, "God! It was awful!"



Home Court Advantage

The Homecoming game was a step in the right direction for the members of the football team. The team played a good first half and were leading at halftime. However, the Islanders fell behind in the second quarter

and the game came to a close with Gloucester winning 20-12.

The team members and their fans celebrated their valiant struggle at the Homecoming Dance on Saturday, October 5. The

commons was a melee of multi-colored streamers and balloons, which were torn down by the eager students as keepsakes of the night. The disc jockey, Lloyd Brown, dedicated the song "All I Need" to all the members of

the Homecoming Court, who led their classmates in the dance. The dance ended as the last song of the night faded away, but the memories will stay with each student forever.



A Gloucester player stopped sophomore Brad Howard (12) just short of the first down.

The pain of senior Scott Brown (45) seemed to have been shared by his teammate Mike Brown (59), when he saw his co-captain trapped under a group of Gloucester players.



Seniors Paula Weis and Brian Bartram were having a good time before they even entered the Homecoming Dance.

A Poquoson graduate, Tony Arcovitch, and senior Luis Cuesta took a break for refreshments between dances.



Lineman Todd Sperling (88) and John Mayo (78) fought to hold their ground.



On a fourth down play, junior Jay Hicks (22) was stopped short of the first down by a tough Gloucester opponent.

Here Comes Santa Claus!

No more school until next year! That's what most students had on their minds the week before school let out for Christmas break. Attentiveness in class was at a low ebb and thoughts of sleeping in late filled everyone's mind, even the teachers. Although the student body was anxious to put school behind it, the Yuletide season infected everyone with its gaiety and cheer.

The SCA played a big role in bringing the Christmas spirit to the school. On December 6, the members of

the SCA held a party for the teachers and their children. Santa Claus, alias Mr. Bob Wheless, presented each child with a treat. The children played games and had refreshments. There was a dance for the students later that night. The dance was semi-formal, allowing the students to give their blue-jeans a rest.

The halls were filled with the trappings of Christmas. A Christmas tree was erected in the main lobby and decorated by the members of the SCA. Doors were transformed into bright, cheery Christmas scenes as the students in each first period class vied to win the annual door-decorating contest. The prize was a party with Krispy Kreme doughnuts and fresh orange juice, awarded to Mrs. Sandy Katz and her students. The winning door displayed a huge Santa Claus with all his merry helpers.

The big contest was the Christmas canned food drive. Each teacher eagerly urged their first hour class to bring in canned foods. Long time rivals such as Mesdames Peggy Garner and Mary Beth Leavitt strategically hid their cans until the final day of the contest to surprise their opponents. Despite their plans, Mrs. Janet Knight came out the victor.

The last day of school was filled with excitement for everyone. The halls were echoing with music as the band and chorus performed favorite Christmas carols for the student body. School friends exchanged gayly wrapped gifts in the spirit of Christmas. Snow was falling as the final bell tolled and the students filed out of school on their way home, ending the day with a Bang! ... of snowballs hitting unprepared victims.



The winning door in the door decorating contest belonged to Mrs. Katz and her first period class.



Christmas elf Alice Ann Carmines gives Mark Quinlan a cookie.

The Christmas party includes games for the children. Luan Lepi and David Knight, with his mother Janet's help, joined in the fun.





The Christmas tree is a vital part of all Christmas parties. Cassie Ward checked to see if there were any presents for her.



The Christmas dance seemed like a great place to gossip for juniors Scott Petermann and Bryan Christopher.

Turn My Ring?

"Will you turn my ring?" These were the famous words that echoed through the halls of the school on October 17, the day the juniors received their class rings.

The juniors got their rings turned 86 times by their friends. Their dates then locked it by turning the ring the opposite way at the dance.

The commons was turned into a semi-formal dancing area. It was decorated with pink balloons and silver glitter. Candlelight added a special touch. The disc jockey for the evening was Lloyd Brown.

Marty Gatewood said "I knew it would be the highlight of my junior year, and it was."

The ring-turning ceremony began at 10:30. Walking off the platform, the girls were given a pink carnation presented by Sally Davenport. Marty Forrest pre-

sented the guys with a scroll. Jeap Wedding helped out by announcing the couples. Mr. Don Ward was there to capture the excitement of the night with pictures. After the ceremony, the junior class officers led the class in a traditional dance.

The occasion ended all

special memories of the magical evening will be forever in their hearts.

The smile on Elizabeth Tinsley's face expresses the excitement felt by all juniors on ring day.

"I knew it would be the highlight of my junior year, and it was."



The juniors were anxiously waiting for the big dance. "Although it was not what I expected, I still enjoyed myself and had a good time with my friends," said junior Dave Ankeney.

too soon when the last song was played at 11:30. All the

Taking a short break between dances, senior Andrea Firth and junior Brian Overbay enjoy each other's company.

The turning of class rings is an unforgettable experience. President Dee Dee Ward anxiously watched as her escort Bill Ward turned her ring the eighty-seventh time.





That final turn of the ring is a special moment for Casey Bradberry, who was escorted by Alan Bowden.

Juniors Ike Davis and Chris Duncan watch the dancing.



Naturally being a gentleman, junior Kurt Lauderback opens the car door for his Ring Dance date, Cassie Ward.



Thinking the chemical reaction of the Q-Bomb will destroy all of Grand Fenwick, Robert Chaney decides whether or not to tell the President about the bomb.

Pinot Grand Fenwick?

"Air raid! Take cover! Air raid! It's the Americans! Air raid!"

"Have they come? Are we under attack?"

How much longer are we going to be haunted by that terrible Q-Bomb? For some, it seemed forever and for others it went by all too quickly. Those eight weeks before opening night were full of memorization, sweat, speeches, jokes, moral boosters, and walk-throughs.

Forgotten lines were remembered, in spite of nervousness, and comic lines made their impact. The cast felt an appreciation for all their hard work as the audiences reacted to the story of the small country of Grand Fenwick that declared war over what better reason . . . wine.

"Has anybody seen the red telephone? What about the professor's lab materials?" Even to the last minute, the

crew scurried around looking for props. But showtime is showtime and the play couldn't wait. The props for New York City, the Oval Room, the professor's lab, and the throne room were found and on November 21, 22, and 23, the show went on. Even when a rope fell from the curtain and hung from there for the rest of the play, the show continued. Luckily, the end of the play was near and the rope only disturbed

some of the cast.

As the curtain went down on the last scene of the last evening, the cast and crew of **The Mouse That Roared** knew they would have memories that would last a lifetime. They would never forget that terrible Q-Bomb that almost caused World War III, or that brand of wine — was it Pinot Grand Fenwick or was it Pinot Grand Enwick?



Appalled at the thought of General Snippet's kidnapping, Earl Woodruff stared in disbelief at the General's hat.

Hoping for a victorious war against the United States, Charles Woodruff kissed Gloriana's scarf for good luck.

The first step in donating blood is to register with the nurse. Junior Kelly Travis patiently answered the nurse's questions.



Some students donate blood because they get free food. Senior Angela Douglas enjoyed the cookies and Coke, but did her part in reaching the goal for donors set by the Red Cross.



Sophomore English teacher Mr. Mark VanDervort calmly watched as an attendant took his blood pressure.

"I Can't Give Because . . ."

"I have cancer and the doctors tell me I only have three days to live."

"I've had hepatitis six times."

"I just discovered last hour that I'm a diabetic."

"I'm allergic to needles."

"I gave last week."

"I'm a pint low myself."

These are just some of the silly excuses that people think of as plausible reasons not to give blood. Although every student would like to give

blood, many are unable to donate for some reason or another. Since they do not want their friends who are donating blood to think they are cowards, they think up insane excuses such as these to tell their friends why they are unable to donate blood.

These excuses were out in full force on Monday, March 10, the day of the Blood Drive. Every student was effected by the excitement. Those who were donating eagerly

questioned earlier donors to find out "how it wuz." Those who couldn't donate wanted the gruesome details of what they had missed. The students who were too young to participate in the drive wanted to know the names of everyone who did.

In certain ways, the Blood Drive showed everyone who "were the mice, and who were the men." Big, burly football players who had received severe injuries dur-

ing their football careers were almost in tears at the thought of having their fingers pricked. Indeed, some people were more afraid of giving a small sample from their forefinger than giving blood from their arm. Still others became faint at the sight of blood. Yet, despite their fears, they all donated showing that they really were "men."



After giving a pint of blood, senior Keith Bocklet appeared faint.



A stuffed rabbit became senior Kelly Gibson's best friend while the Red Cross volunteer took her blood pressure.

Lending moral support to donors was part of Key Club president Burma Nelsen's job at the Key Club blood drive. She sat with classmate Mike Musiol while he waited for his turn to give blood.

It's Never Too Late . . . to Fall in Love.

"Merry Christmas Charles, Merry Christmas Anje, Merry Christmas Chip . . . Merry Christmas everyone!"

The bandroom of the Middle School seemed to be living a second Christmas day on that March 20, while the actors waited for the opening of the curtains. On this date the Thespians and the Thespian apprentices brought to the stage a spoof on the 1920's in Europe, called "The Boyfriend."

The minutes passed slowly

in the minds of all the members of the cast. The D-day had come, and the hour was closer and closer all the time. The excitement of the try-outs was nothing compared to what was about to come. Those cold days in January when the whole thing seemed so far away now . . . and yet, time had gone so fast! Two months with the same question in mind: "What about if after all those weeks of practice, I forget my lines at the last minute and I

screw up the whole thing?"

At last the curtains opened, showing a well-decorated hall in a French school for "perfect young ladies." Different musical "sketches" composed that folkloric pudding, from the Charleston to the classic Tango, with a complete repertoire of funny songs.

The play was a success. From the main characters, to the last member of the crew, everybody worked together in the production of "The

Boyfriend."

Like every year, some tears began to appear in the eyes of the cast and crew members after the curtains closed for the last time. The result of so many hours of effort was comforting, but it had taken so much preparation to amuse one audience just for an hour and a half. It's too bad that the play was only on stage for those nights!



Playing his role as Lord Brockhurst, Keith Bocklet tried to convince his wife — in this case Kathy Apelt — that he was not misbehaving in his walk along the beach.

In their roles as Tony and Polly, Chip Tiffany and Holly Beavers performed a romantic scene "sur la plage" (at the beach) on the French Riviera.





Playing her role as Polly, the daughter of an English millionaire who had no time for his family, Holly Beavers chatted with her friends in the French school where she was studying.

The French maid, Debbi Katz, answered the phone at Madame DuBonnet's "school for perfect young ladies."

Dressed as Pierrette, Holly Beavers seemed to be happily surprised when Chip Tiffany removed his mask from his face and revealed to her his real personality.

Foreign Break?

Where were you during spring break? At the beach? Or skiing in Colorado? Or participating in a wedding? Or just sleeping your life away? While you were at home doing all the things you had planned to do since Christmas break, some of your classmates were taking a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to spend their Easter break in a foreign country — England.

On March 28, 25 rambunc-

tious students and their three brave chaperones headed towards Norfolk International Airport to catch their plane to Boston and begin their England adventure. After connecting in Boston with their 747 flight, that neither crashed, nor was hijacked, nor lost its pilot, the group landed safely at their destination. Here the adventure began.

After they met the other students involved in the tour

the group began to explore the many historical sights that were offered. The scheduled tour included many of the traditional places such as Big Ben, Parliament, Piccadilly Circus, and Buckingham Palace. The group also visited the Canterbury Cathedral and viewed the blood-stained stone which bore witness to the murder of Thomas á Becket by King Henry II. Going back to the time of the Romans, the

students toured the Roman baths and puzzled over the meaning behind the creation of Stonehenge.

The students returned home after more than a week of touring the beautiful sights of England, arriving at Norfolk International Airport with a severe case of jet lag, souvenirs, rolls upon rolls of film, and memories to last a lifetime.



While waiting for the others to arrive, Pam Craig, Kelly Travis, Barbara Moore, Anne Forrest, and Kevin Forrest relaxed at the Gatwick Airport.



At a medieval banquet called The Banquet of The Beefeaters, Mrs. Bonnie Fay kept a close eye on the kids.



One of the Queen's guards entertained senior Beth Ragsdale during the London trip.

On the bus ride to the Clarendon Hotel, Kathy Apelt, Lisa Bergamasco, Kevin Forrest and Betsy Bunting enjoyed the ride while Kathy Phipps, Holly Pierce, Danny Phillips, Carri Phillips, and Mrs. Katz took a snooze.



The Thames River separates Lloyd Brown and Beth Ragsdale from Parliament, Big Ben, and Westminster Abby.

Heart Maker

Ooooouuuccchhh! Disgusted, you throw the material and needle on the table and head for the bathroom in search of a Curad. You open the medicine chest and encounter an empty box of Band-aids. Cursing, you run cold water over your finger to stop the bleeding. After a few minutes, you cut off the faucet and stare at the angry wound. You dry your hands and head into the living room to finish sewing, realizing that you couldn't possibly prick your finger again. You had already pricked all ten of

them!

After tying off the last stitch, you let out a sigh of relief. Stretching, you idly wonder if even Don Johnson was worth all this. Not just the pillow, the whole thing: the fear of rejection, the anxiety, the money, everything!

Grabbing the pillow, you put it under your head and settle down for a well-earned rest.

Suddenly, you jump up with a start. What if he doesn't like it? Smiling, you lie down again. If he acts like he doesn't like it, you'll nail it through his back!

In AP English class, senior John Klassa programmed the computer to graph functions with "Klass!"



At the dance, junior Melissa Frost and her boyfriend Taylor Forrest were decked out in country attire.

On Sadie Hawkins day, junior John Morris proudly wore a stylish metallic patch with shoulder strap designed by junior Jill Deaton. The pillow was best in show.



I Do . . . 'Til Two

"Mom, I've got something really important to tell you and I don't want you to get upset. It's nothing, really. Don't even bother yourself about it."

"What is it, dear?"

"Mom, I'm getting married tomorrow."

"You're WHAT?!"

"I've taken care of everything. The invitations have been delivered, the food has

been prepared, the flowers have been ordered, and it's all set for tomorrow. It's gonna be a blast!"

"Marriage is not a blast! It's something very serious and you're making a mockery of it!"

"Mom, it is a mockery. It's a mock wedding."

The parents of Betsy Bell, Shawn Rollins, Melissa Frost, and Tarek Stone are probab-

ly still experiencing the shock of their children's "wedding."

The weddings, a traditional part of the Family Living criteria, took place on May 9. The students are responsible for handling and financing this mock event with their mock budget.

Melissa Frost and Tarek Stone were married by the mock Reverend Roger Tomlinson and the mock

Reverend Mo Odenwelder tied the knot for Betsy Bell and Shawn Rollins.

The marriages were brief, just lasting as long as the reception. In fact, the whole wedding was somewhat untraditional, ending with Mrs. Betsy "Rollins" pulling her new husband Shawn away by the wedding ring in his ear.



"With this earring, I thee wed," summed up the not-so-traditional wedding of seniors Betsy Bell and Shawn Rollins.

The mock bride and groom stand before the minister. Juniors Tarek Stone and Melissa Frost exchanged mock vows for their Family Living class.

Poquoson Pretties?

Somebody had to prove that not all the girls around here are as pretty as they say, and that was a task that only men could do. Since the DECA found it too difficult and risky to select a girl that would be proud to hold the title of "Ugliest and most womanless," they decided to give the guys a try for the title.

That night of Wednesday,

The proud pageant winner, Miss Ewa-ewa-Manuah-Sewah-Lamuah-Duwah-Duwah, better known as Clay Marcum, posed with second place winner "Teasin' Tina" Jeep Wedding, and third place winner "Luscious Luise" Luis Cuesta.

April 30, was one to remember. The forum was crowded, and people waited in line to get in, anxious to witness such a cultural event. Some desperate seniors came in with the hope of finding their ideal Prom date among the participants! Others were moved by the curiosity of seeing the big "macho" football players dressed as girls and moving their hips on stage. The audience welcomed all the Poquoson Pretties with noisy applause, as they walked towards the stage, smiling with those red-hot tangee lips.

Some of them would make beautiful "mamas!" There is no doubt in our minds that some of those guys would be a lot more successful at Tabb dances if they dressed as girls. Some others, however, with their moustaches and chest hair, did not look that "marvelous."

"Gosh, it makes me sick," said one of the girls in the audience, after the pageant. "Some of the guys look better with the make-up on than I do!"

Although the talents looked very much the same, the audience did not spare applause or laughter.

The judges, Masters Tim Smith, Bob Gemmill, and Roger Tomlinson had to make the tough decision. The \$50.00 for first place went to Miss Ewa-ewa-Manuah-Sewah-Lamuah-Duwah-Duwah, portrayed by junior Clay Marcum, who is probably in the Bahamas. Second place was taken by Teasin' Tina, better known as senior Jeep Wedding, and third place was received by Luscious Luise, who is also known as senior Luis Cuesta.

Now it is time for the girls to show their male qualities.



It was a difficult decision for Rogette Tomlinson, Barb Gemmill, and Tina Smith who judged the Poquoson Pretties "Womanless" pageant.

"Freedom" was heard throughout the PHS forum as Miss Ewa-ewa-Manuah-Sewah-Lamuah-Duwah-Duwah, Clay Marcum, sang it out in his, or her, winning talent performance.



Miss PHS: A Little More

The sweat began to pour down the faces of the contestants as the announcer approached the podium. Plastered smiles were

diligently kept in place as the girls stood nervously on the stage, knees knocking and eyes blinded by the bright stage lights. As the

announcer cleared his throat to speak, each girl sent up a silent prayer.

Friendship was put aside as each girl anxiously wished for another's name to be announced. After all the practice and rehearsals, who wanted to settle for first or second runner-up when they could be Miss PHS?

Junior Brigitte Vernon's jazz dance to the song "When the Going Gets Tough" helped her earn second runner-up. As she accepted her award, the other girls looked around at each other nervously with a mixture of excitement and uneasiness—excitement due to the fact that they still had a chance to be Miss PHS and uneasiness because, while they might have a shot at the crown, they might end up with nothing at all.

First runner-up went to

senior Sandra Wheless, partly for her lip-synch of the song "Beauty School Dropout."

The mixture of feelings continued to churn as the girls realized that only one place remained, that of Miss PHS.

Each girl held her breath as the winner's name was announced. Miss PHS was Laura Stone Little.

Laura won the talent competition for singing two songs from the musical **My Fair Lady** — "Wouldn't It Be Lovely?" and "I Could Have Danced All Night."

There were a few tears in everyone's eyes as Laura received her crown, a trophy, and a dozen red roses.

The evening came to a close as freshman Jennifer Forrest was named Miss Congeniality and sophomore Marcie Saulman was voted Miss Photogenic.



The five winners in the Miss PHS pageant stand proudly together after the pageant. Left to right: Marcie Saulman (Miss Photogenic), Sandra Wheless (1st Runner up), Laura Little (Miss PHS), Brigitte Vernon (2nd Runner up), and Jenny Forrest (Miss Congeniality).

Keeping to the tempo of the music, Jenny Forrest performs her aerobic dance. She received the trophy for Miss Congeniality.

Talent, beauty and poise are evident in the new Miss PHS, Laura Little.

The Cream of the Crop

"Which side does it go on? The left or the right?"

"I don't know! Turn around, everyone's moving."

"But I don't..."

"Move it!"

"Sssssshhhhh!"

"Yeah, ya'll cool it."

"Now look what you've done."

"But I..."

"Sssssshhhhh!"

The buzzing of lowered voices carried throughout the halls as the cap-and-gown clad seniors walked in

straight lines to the assembly. Smiles, hand squeezing, and a few tears were exchanged between friends as they shared the excitement of being seniors.

The graduating class filed into the chairs set up in the center of the gymnasium as the underclassmen and faculty silently stood at attention. The upperclassmen took their seats, prompting the rest of the classes to follow. As the final underclassman took his

place on the bleachers, the assembly began.

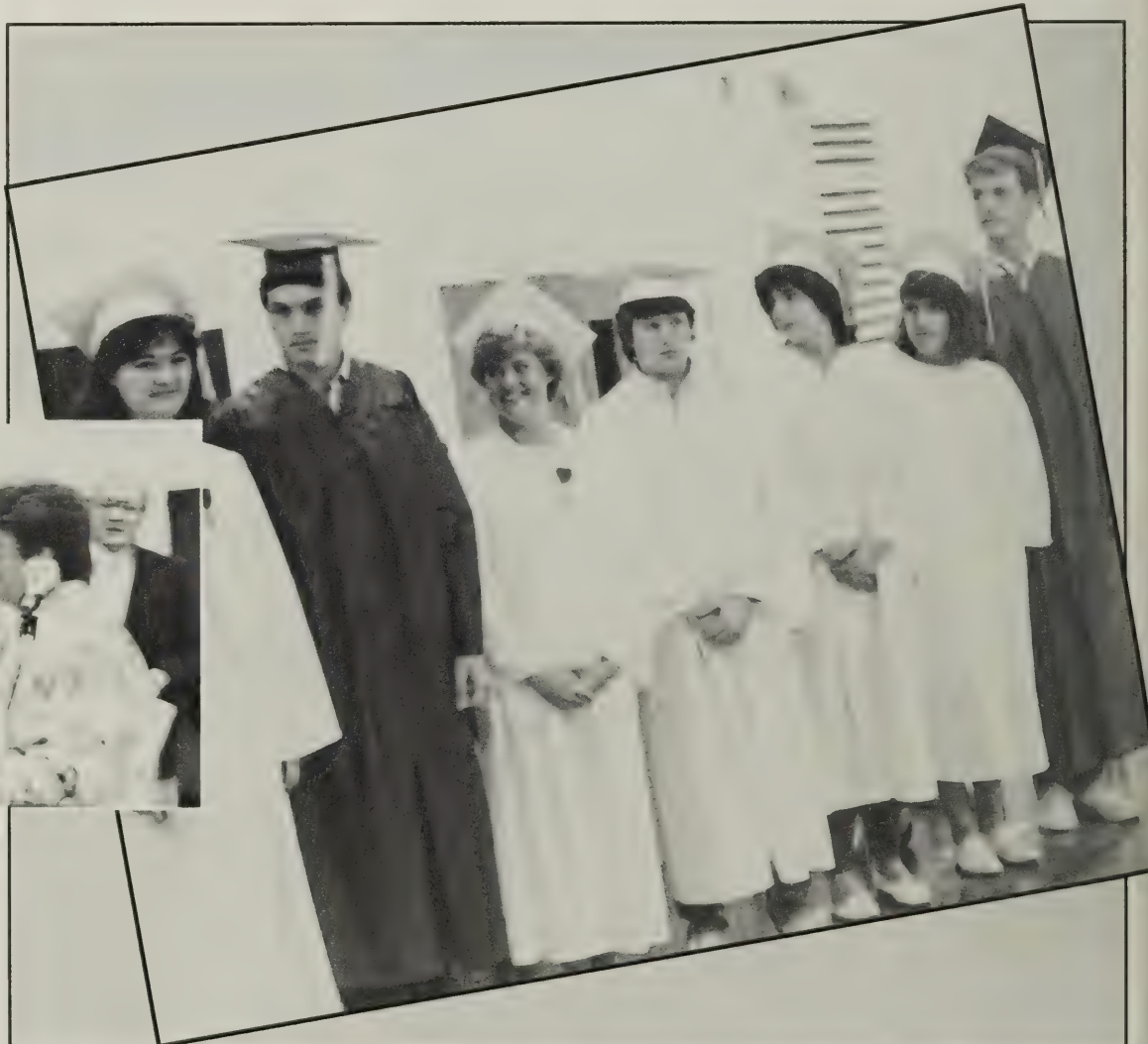
From those who stayed up late at night studying to those who woke up early every morning to arrive at school on time, the awards were given to a vast range of personalities. The academic students received scholastic achievement awards while the sportsters earned athletic awards. Those students who were neither scholastic nor athletic had a chance to win

a perfect attendance award.

Three hours passed slowly in the hot, stuffy gymnasium as students clapped and cheered for their peers who had received awards. The ceremony came to a close as the school wished the members of the Tidewater Challenge team good luck in their match that afternoon.

Students of the month were recognized by the Exchange Club. These seniors were Stella Thompson, John Klassa, Phaedra Moran, Evonne Bookwalter, Pamela Danforth, Susan Roberts and Chip Tiffany.

The R. Fletcher Gray award is presented to a student who succeeds despite overwhelming circumstances. Mrs. Marie Dryden presented this award to David Emrick.





Proudly smiling, junior Brian Jewett received his award for the Daughters of the American Revolution from Mrs. Amonette Phillips.



It must run in the family! Cousins Nancy and Stella Thompson were both recipients of the Presidential Academic Fitness award presented by principal Olen Evans.

In honor of his success in athletics while maintaining high academic grades, Sergeant Henderson presented senior Mike Musiol with the Army Reserve Scholarship Athletic award.

Hollywood Premiere

You pick up another piece of fruit with your green cellophane-tipped toothpick and glance around the room. You notice your date taking advantage of the strawberries and chocolate further down the table. Throwing down your toothpick, you head toward a group of your friends chatting in the corner.

You say hello and start gossiping about who is here with whom, what they are wearing, whether they match or

not, where they went to eat, how much you think their cost in comparison to yours, and what they drove up in.

Your date joins you and the two of you decide to take a stroll on the balcony. Passing the other couples jamming to the latest tunes, you step out onto the moonlit rooftop. After a few minutes in the cool night air, you join the other gyrating bodies on the dance floor.

Those attending the Prom were elegantly surprised by this "Hollywood Premiere." The antique elevator of the Chamberlin Hotel delivered its passengers into a blue

and silver dream, complete with metallic palm trees. Candlelit tables provided the couples with a resting place after a work-out on the dance floor. The buffet was temptingly arranged with fruits, biscuits, and other delectable morsels. Those students who wished for a little privacy could enjoy the view from the rooftop balcony. Those wishing to capture the night on film were forced to stand in the growing line outside the photo room.

As the evening began to draw to a close, the moment everyone had been waiting for finally arrived. The prom

king and queen were about to be announced. Senior Scott Shoun was crowned king. His queen was fellow classmate and girlfriend Rhonda Hanson. The newly crowned king and queen led the rest of the couples in a dance.

Couples slowly filtered out as the end of Prom drew nearer. The final song was enjoyed by only a few remaining students. As they too stepped onto the elevator for the downward trip to the lobby, they took one more glance at the lone palm tree standing in the corner before the elevator doors shut.



The president of the junior class, Dee Ward, welcomes the class of 1986 to their Senior Prom.



The music and dancing are called to a halt for the announcement of the Prom King and Queen. Newly-crowned seniors Rhonda Hanson and Scott Shoun enjoyed the applause from the onlookers.



The principal of the school, Mr. Olen Evans, attends the prom to look after his young charges. Stacey Lippincott helped him with his attire by pinning on his boutonniere.

The members of the junior class are responsible for decorating the site of the prom. Michelle Northworthy, Faren Wolter, and Nina Seligman rested while fellow classmates Marty Gatewood, Stacey Lippincott, Trisha Hickmott, and Chris Duncan blew up white and blue balloons for the Rooftop Gardens of the Chamberlin Hotel.



Dream or Reality?

With his red robe and golden turban, the swami without a crystal ball appeared on stage. The frantic whispering of the crowd ceased as the twang of musical noises filtered from the shadows toward them. The dream-interpreting swami lead the audience on a two-hour trip through the nocturnal imagination of the senior class.

The adventure began with the revelation of Anje Phelps life-long ambition to sing a duet with the handsome lead singer of a famous rock group. Dreams, as we know, don't always come true. Therefore, she had to settle for fellow classmate Charles Woodruff and the band Dimensions '86.

Although Anje's dream only allowed her one song with her gorgeous lead singer, she became one of the central figures in Luis Cuesta's fantasy. In the dream, Anje was the beautiful blonde American who danced a midnight tango with him in his native country, Spain.

The colorful swami uncovered the hidden desires of each student who approached him. A soccer fullback, a quarterback, a state championship wrestler, and a center-fielder expressed a wish to form a hard rock group by the name of Transaction. Before the swami finished describing the meeting, the notes of the group's first song echoed through the forum as the group came to life with Scott Wiggins on the drums, Scott Brown playing bass guitar, John Leach on the keyboard, and Tommy Bastian on lead guitar. The image faded

away as the last note died.

Scott Wiggins not only dreamed of being the drummer in a heavy metal group, he also wished to be the lead rapper in what he called "The Senior Class Shuffle." Some of his fellow classmates joined in the rapping. According to this motley crew, they weren't there to cause any trouble, they were just there to do the senior class shuffle.

Dreams of successful bands and rapping with friends weren't the only things on the minds of this year's seniors. Many students revealed deep fears in their dreams. The swami uncovered Karlin Hedin's nightmares concerning a gigantic candy kiss at her Chocoholics' Anonymous meetings while Keith Bocklett

and cohorts feared the scenes that nerds create at lunch. Perhaps the most terrifying fantasy was Greg Disconza's life-long wish to be the school stud.

The entire senior class was revealed on the wall of the

forum, thanks to a video done by Mrs. Marie Sproull's senior art students. The upperclassmen sang a farewell song, "Maybe Someday," and the curtain closed.



Telling a princess of his love for her, Prince Luis Cuesta has his minstrel John Leach sing the Prince's pledge of love.



"Things have changed since high school," says Denise Rensing and Cassie Ward after joining up with the Harley Honeys.

Dressed as Irwin McGuillicuddy, Keith Bocklett fights his childhood complex as he tells his true story.



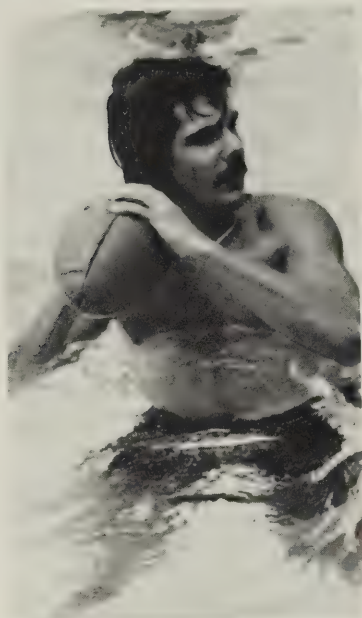


"We're just really not the gossiping kind," sing Pamela Danforth, Kelly LeVan, Diane Taylor, Tyna Sloate, Burna Nelsen, Kathy Phipps, Sally Davenport, Betsy Bell, Whitney Winters, and Susan Roberts, knowing nobody will believe them.



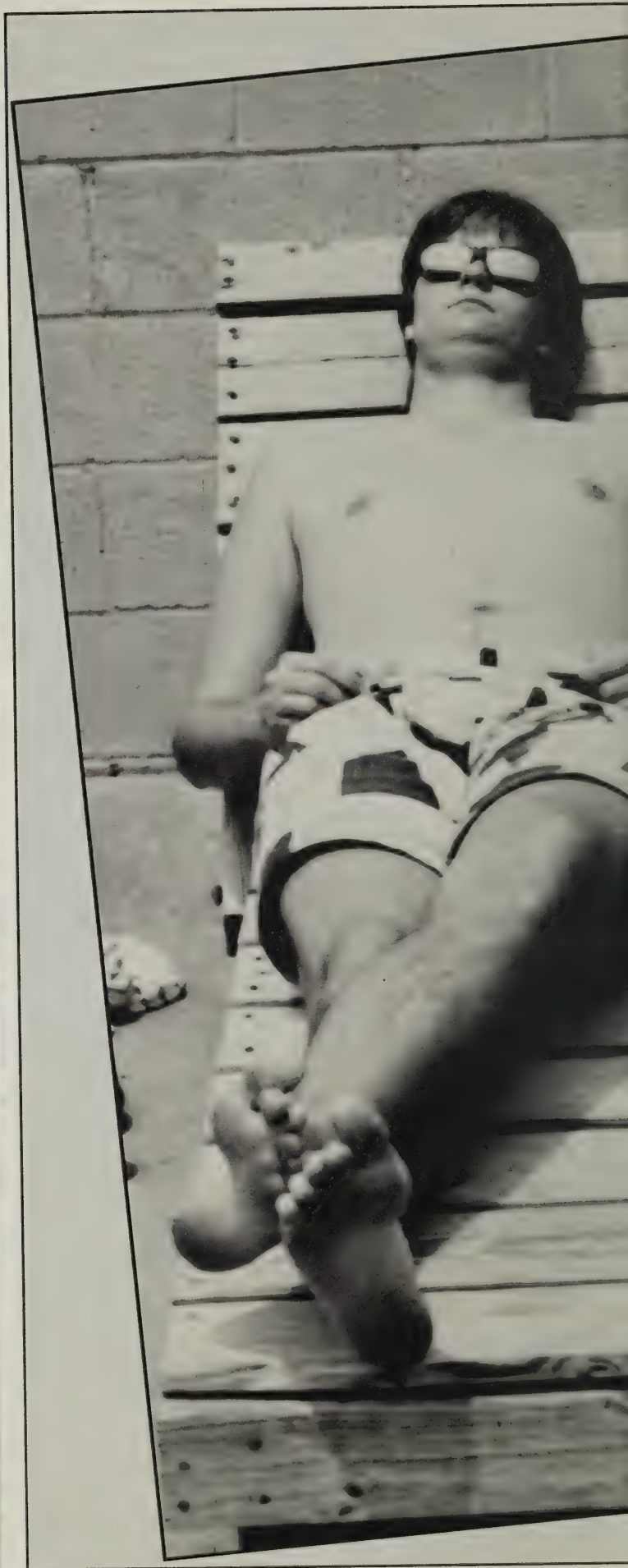
Joining Scott Wiggins and the shuffling crew, the Get Fresh Crew, Mesdames Rita Kehoe and Bonnie Fay shuffle their feet to the rhythmic beat.

Keeping his mind free from worries, Shawn Rollins relaxes and enjoys the sun.



Practicing his football skills, Ian Rominger passes the ball to one of his teammates.

As the rest of their classmates horse-play in the water, Karyn Deibel and Holly Pierce take a break from all the activity.



Just Like Kids

"OK. Now you boys put your caps on . . . that's it. Now you take them off for the blessing . . . Looking good! Now put them on again, and as the processional hymn sounds, the ones in the back will begin to leave in order. Does everybody understand? Alright, let's go . . . the pool is waiting for us!"

After hours of sauna in the forum and an "oven session" in the gym practicing for the baccalaureate ceremony, seniors were about ready to begin their pool party.

The smell of the hot dogs grilling was floating over the pool area as the members of the class of '86 got ready to fight the heat.

The sun smiled with satisfaction that Friday afternoon, watching all those men and women of tomorrow enjoying their day off like children as they played football in the water, ran around, and fooled the lifeguards. At last, the desired moment arrived, and somebody pronounced the magic word: food.

People gathered around

the tables where Mrs. Bonnie Fay and Mrs. Rita Kehoe, and Mr. Dave Nelson had placed everything so carefully. The two lines advanced slowly as the almighty seniors stuffed their plates with hot dogs, Doritos, potato salad, and beans.

While they were struggling to swallow all the food that was on their dishes, they were entertained by Kathy Phipps. She announced the 1986 Senior Superlatives, laughing like crazy, as she always does.

The aquatic games started again after awhile, as a few people tried to employ their last chance to get a tan before summer. As the afternoon passed, the hordes began to calm down. People started to leave, and the pool rested alone. The cans scattered over the tables and all the filled trash cans were testimonies of the past of the class of '86 by the pool. Another traditional picnic was over. Another class, another year . . . and yet, for a few hours, maybe only for these few hours the picnic lasted, the members of the class of '86 forgot that they were seniors. Maybe they wished they could stop time and enjoy their golden dreams forever.



As the seniors' special guest, Gun-Britt Wahlstrom works on getting an American tan while Kathy Heezen, Kim Dougherty, and Angie Douglas talk to each other.

The hot weather makes everyone thirsty. Kathy Mikulas and Robbie Turner helped themselves to a refreshing drink from the cooler.



High School year's end; Another stage of life begins

GRADUATION

Splash! As yet another droplet of rain splashed against your shoulder, you looked skyward and silently prayed for the ninety degree weather that had scorched you during practice the day before. The fear of being too hot had been replaced with the greater horror of being soaking wet. Another crash of thunder sounded in the distance as you waited helplessly for the threatening summer storm to arrive.

Mrs. Bonnie Fay called your attention to the steps of the gym and you patiently listened to her final instructions. As she directed the entire senior class to line up in their proper positions, you fought the crowd to find your place.

You stood in the hot gymnasium and checked your cap one final time before you began to march. As the line started to move, you breathed a sigh of relief and followed your fellow classmates outside.

Butterflies danced in your stomach as you went through the motions of the routine you had practiced the day before. You made a sharp turn down your aisle and waited for the others' seats to be filled before your entire row sat down. As the rest of

the senior class filed into their seats, you scanned the bleachers for the faces of your parents and relatives.

Once the graduating class had been seated, the ceremony began with the welcoming of family and friends by the senior class president, Burna Nelsen. Valedictorian John Klassa reminisced with his peers about the first day of school in his farewell speech to the class of 1986. In a few parting words to her classmates, salutatorian Laura Trantham urged each senior to "scale higher peaks and meet new challenges."

Just as the irritation of the horseflies began to get to the graduates, exchange student Luis Cuesta gave his farewell speech to the students and citizens of Poquoson as well as his new home, America. According to Luis, "I just wanted to say two things: hi and thank you."

The ceremony continued with words from School Board Chairman Liz Ward, Superintendent of Schools Dr. Ray Vernall, and Principal Olen Evans. The guest speaker, Senator Hunter Andrews, shocked the seniors and audience by requesting that the graduates "stand up, thank your

parents, tell them that you love them, then blow them a kiss."

The moment every student waits for finally arrived. As each student walked up to receive his diploma, family members and close friends could be heard shouting cheers from the bleachers. After all 208 members of the

senior class received their diplomas, Senior Class President Burna Nelsen led the class in the traditional turning of the tassels. With a final prayer, the graduates rose and left the field in two straight lines, leaving high school days behind them forever.



Poquoson has become a new home for foreign exchange student Luis Cuesta. He graduated with honors — and a place in the heart of many students and faculty.



Being the top student in the graduating class allows Valedictorian John Klassa the opportunity to share some thoughts with his classmates as part of the graduation exercise.

State Senator Hunter Andrews instructs the graduates to thank their parents and blow them a kiss. He reminisced of former times in Poquoson and the quality education Poquoson has to offer.



The Joe Thomas Award is given to a graduate who exemplifies the well-rounded student athlete. Last year's recipient Teresa Evans recognized Elliott Duty with the award.



After striking out a Bruton opponent, Jimmy Knaub and Tom Cannella exit off the field. Poquoson won the contest 2-1 and Jimmy was the winning pitcher.

At a pep rally, the varsity cheerleaders perform a stunt to boost the morale of the students and faculty.



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Imagine this . . . Bbbbbbzzzzzzzzzzzzzz! "Team, this is it. We're in the second half of the twelfth inning of the second set of the second game of the season. We're down by a touchdown, a goal, a set, four baskets, two runs, a pin, and three points. What are we gonna do, guys?"

"Coach, we've given it everything we've got. What else can we do?"

"Yeah, Coach, what more do you expect from us?"

"Guys, you know it takes more than just trying to win a game of Botch Ball, even when you're ahead. It takes a lot more when you're behind: strength, skill, stamina, and determination. Every team member has to give two hundred percent to the team. That's the only way we're gonna win this game. There's no super player who is gonna walk onto the field and win the game for us. So let's go play some good ball!"

The team lines up on the field with a slight sag to their broad shoulders. Every player knows the score. It will be virtually impossible to come back in the final minutes of the game after suffering such a brutal beating. The two forwards nervously twist their tennis rackets while they wait for the goalie to hike the ball to the third baseman. The tension is almost tangible in the few seconds before the referee blows the whistle.

In the silence before the play begins, a loud thunder can be heard above the din of the players and crowd. The noise increases until it seems as if an earthquake is taking place in the distance.

A huge, hulking figure can be seen running at an incredible speed towards the playing field. No one really knows exactly what happened after that. They say some legendary superjester turned things around for the losing team with his incredible batting, running, kicking, catching, slamdunking, volleying, and pinning. The coach knew differently. He believed in the team as a whole. There was a superjester in every player.



Before the Homecoming football game against Gloucester, Captains Mike Brown and Scott Brown win the toss and elect to receive the kickoff.



In a basketball game with Tabb, Tad Vest dribbles his way through two defenders on his way to a score.

The Leader of the Pack Off To The Races

The alarm rings, it is 5:45 in the morning. If you are a member of the Cross-Country team, it is time to get up and

take a cold and tiring run with Coach Wright and the other team members.

Why do it?

Why not? That is the price to pay if you want to become a York River District Cross Country Champion.

Although the Boys' team did not finish as high in the district as they wanted, they finished the season with a 2-2

record. The bright spot was Mark Williams, who won the District Championship.

The Girl's team had an ex-

cellent season, led by Stephanie Olson and Cheryl Dyer. They finished the season sec-

ond in the district with a 3-1 record. They defeated Bruton, Gloucester, and York, but Tabb escaped with a 25-30 victory.

The Boys' team was led by Senior Mark Williams. After winning the District Championship, he placed 2nd in

the region, and finished a respective 14th in state competition. Other fine performances were turned in by Charles Tookey, Scott Hahn, and Scott Petermann.

The Girls' team was quite a surprise to the district. Juniors Stephanie Olson and Cheryl Dyer led the team to a second place finish. They finished high enough at regionals to accompany Mark to the state meet in Charlottesville. Stephanie placed 50th and Cheryl placed 74th. When asked about the team, Coach Bernie Wright replied, "This year's team was very successful. They finished second in the district, and they are all underclassmen."

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CROSS COUNTRY TEAM. FRONT TO BACK: Danny Leatherman, Rob Hill, Charles Tookey, Scott Hahn, Scott Petermann, Scott Alexander, Debbie Bickley, Jennifer Boyer, Kari Tookey,

Stephanie Olson, Pam Yourey, Mike Leatherman, Michael Anthony, Lisa Bergamasco, Coach Bernie Wright.

A fast pace is set by Mark Williams en route to a second place finish in the region. He led his team to a seventh place finish.





At the start of the district race, Cheryl Dyer and Stephanie Olson pace each other. Stephanie finished in second place and Cheryl came in third.

At the regional meet Coach Bernie Wright talks with members of the Girls' team.

The boys's team members relax and discuss their strategies for the district meet. The team finished in third place.

Record		
Boys		
2 Wins, 2 Losses		
POQ		OPP
45-20		York
16-43		Gloucester
37-22		Tabb
27-28		Bruton
Girls		
3 Wins, 1 Loss		
POQ		OPP
15-30		York
19-40		Gloucester
30-25		Tabb
26-29		Bruton

ON AND ON

Will the Streak Ever End?

Humiliating and frustrating are the best words to describe the season of the football team. The Islanders went 0-10, extending their winless streak to

36 games. The team played their best, but always seemed to come up short.

Coach Gardner tried to develop a "good, positive, winning attitude."

A new coaching staff was brought to Poquoson. Head coach Rick Gardner came from Dinwiddie High School where he was an assistant coach. Coach Gardner set a goal to develop in the team a "good, positive, winning attitude."

The season opener was played at home against York. Junior quarterback Tommy Bastian got the start for the Islanders. The team played tough on defense, but failed to score on offense. York ended up winning 11-0.

The first points of the season came in the third game against Sussex Central. Things were not looking too good for the Islanders when a Sussex Central player took the opening kick-off and ran

it back 82 yards for a touchdown. John Morris caused a fumble moments later on the 9 yard line of Sussex. Four plays later Scott Brown ran

the ball in for a score. Sussex scored two touchdowns in the second

quarter. In the second half the defense did not allow their opponent to score any points. Tommy Bastian completed a 32 yard touchdown stride to Mike Musiol to pull within six. A hard defensive stand gave Poquoson the ball back. They took the ball down to the 3 yard line of Sussex Central, but lost it on an interception. The final score was 20-14. This game helped prepare them for the upcoming game against Bruton.

The game against Bruton was very intense. The Islanders marched down the field on the opening drive, settling for a Tommy Bastian field goal. Bruton came back with a touchdown. The hard running of Kerry Williams, the second leading rusher in the district last year, took the ball

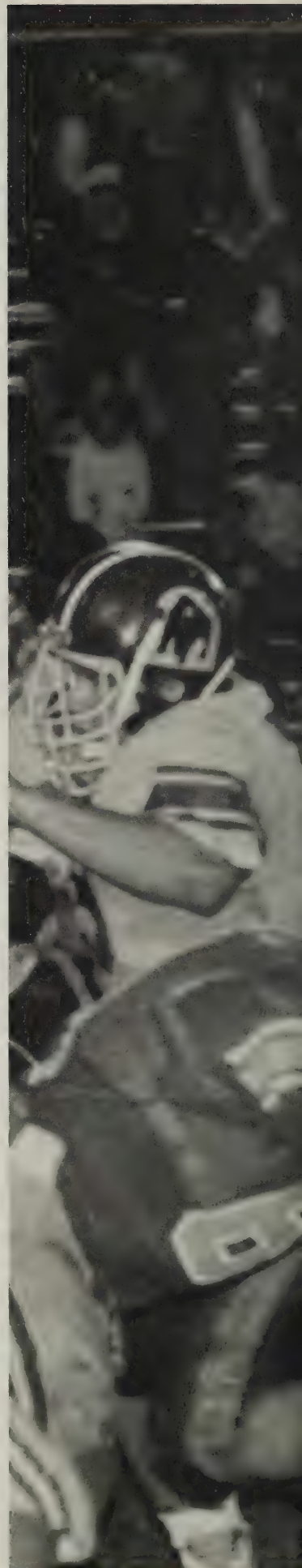
back to within scoring distance. Scott Wiggins then plunged in for the scoring two touchdowns, defeating the Islanders 21-10.

Homecoming week marked a big game against Gloucester. The team worked hard all week, hoping to end the streak. Gloucester scored on its opening drive with a 50 yard run. The bright spot for Poquoson came when running back Scott Brown ran for two touchdowns. Gloucester then scored two more touchdowns handing the Islanders a 20-12 loss.

Against Northampton the Islanders struck hard and fast. Scott Wiggins scored twice, once on a 25 yard scamper and a 9 yard run. The offense could not score again. Northampton ended up scoring three touchdowns after that, beating the Islanders 21-12.

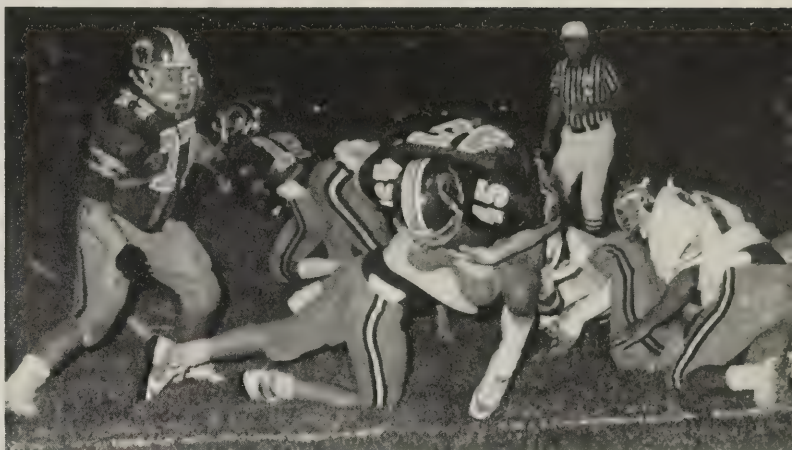
The final game of the season was a 38-7 loss to Gloucester. The only score came when Tommy Bastian threw a 57 yard pass to Mike Musiol. Scott Wiggins then went 2 yards for the score.

The disappointing season was a sad experience for the seniors on the team, all of whom graduated without experiencing a varsity win.





In the first half of the Homecoming game, Scott Brown dives in for second score. Despite his efforts the team came up short, losing to Gloucester 20-12.



Quarterback Tom Bastian receives a hard hit from a York defender after throwing a pass. York went on to beat Poquoson 15-0.

For a four yard gain against Gloucester, Scott Wiggins pounds ahead. Scott scored later on a run, but the Bulls lost 38-7, ending the season.

The Bulls get fired up before the first game against York.



At a pep rally, Coach Rick Gardner tells the students that the team will not throw the towel in against Tabb.

Record 0 Wins, 10 Losses

POQ	OPP
0-11	York
0-24	Tabb
14-20	Sussex Central
10-21	Bruton
12-20	Gloucester
0-15	York
0-34	Tabb
12-21	Northampton
0-27	Bruton
7-38	Gloucester



JAYVEE

A strong showing was made in the district by the Junior Varsity Football team. Despite a record of 2-6-1 and finishing fourth in the district, the team showed great improvement. Each game the team fought till the end, defeating Gloucester twice and tying Bruton the first game of the season.

The team was led by the play of Darren Defendeifer at quarterback, and the leadership of freshmen Robert Tinsley and David Britt on the defensive-making of Coach Don Ward helped the young Islanders to a respectable season.

Junior-varsity quarterback Darren Defendeifer prepares to make a handoff during a summer practice. Tim Blankenship and Ronnie Evans block for him.



FOOTBALL TEAM. FRONT TO BACK: Troy Miller, Jamie Leake, Lenny Discenza, Tracy Pugh, Tim Cannella, Darren Defendeifer, Tom Cannella, Steve White, Charles Hackney, Tray Matheson, Jeff Smith, Kenny Williams, Wesley Firman, Sean Quinn, Casey Graham, Scott, Brown, Scott Wiggins, Greg Casey, Mark Jenkins, Branson Matheson, Bryan Christopher, Tom Bastian, Christine Martino, Jerry Benedum, Brent Collins, Bill Ward, Wells Hoadley, Richard Pena, Elliott Duty, John Griffith,

David Britt, Mark Irving, Brad Bookwalter, Mike Musiol, Brad Howard, Amy Ferguson, Ed Davis, Robert Tinsley, Mike Bumgardner, Matt Howard, Kurt Lauderback, Ike Davis, Mike Brown, John Mayo, John Morris, Fred Binford, Mike McCabe, Darren Smith, Todd Sperling, Coach David Legg, Coach Mo Odenwelder, Tim Blankenship, Ron Evans, Jay Hicks, Coach Larry Estep, Coach Rick Gardner.



Record 2, Wins, 5 Losses, 1 Tie

POQ	OPP
0-0	Bruton
14-6	Gloucester
12-32	Tabb
0-21	York
0-12	Northampton
14-23	Bruton
16-8	Gloucester
0-10	Tabb

TAKIN' IT TO THE HOOP

"In the tradition of girls' basketball, the team again has proven itself to be worthy of being called the Lady Islanders," coach Dave Nelson said about the girls' basketball team.

The girls' basketball team had to face two new

changes. First, the basketball was now eight inches in diameter instead of nine. This is so the ball would be proportionate to the size of the girls' hands and easier for them to handle. The other change they had to face was now there was only one

jumpball. A possession clock which alternated who would get the ball was used throughout the rest of the game. These changes took a while to get used to, but the Lady Islanders managed.

The girls had some trouble maintaining control from

quarter to quarter. In a contest against Tabb the girls were winning until a couple of turnovers resulted in Tabb going ahead. The team did not fall apart though, instead they pulled themselves together and came out fighting in their next game.

The Islanders made it into the first round of the District Tournament by beating Bruton two of their three meetings. The game was a few days away and the team was practicing hard. The Lady Islanders had to face the undefeated York Falcons. The first quarter was disastrous, it looked like the end, but it was not. The team came out strong in the second quarter and continued to play hard the rest of the game. Despite the last effort made by the players, they could not make up the difference. The final score was 39-57. The Lady Islanders went down fighting.

At the Fall Sports Banquet Vann Brown received the Most Valuable Team Player award while Stacey Tyndall was named Most Improved. The sophomore team member, Kim Mayo, was awarded Best Defensive Player. Cathy Mikulas had the special honor of receiving the Coach's Player Award. The recipient of the Sportsmanship Award was Gina White. The award for Academic Excellence was earned by Evonne Bookwalter.

In the game against York, Gina White blocks the shot of an opposing player. The Falcons went on to beat the Islanders 71-28.



In the District Tournament at Tabb, Kathy Mikulas attempts to outjump a York player. York won the contest 61-23.

A swarming defense of Kathy Mikulas, April Metcalf, and Nancy Lawson surround a Tabb offender. Tabb defeated the Girls 48-31.



VARSITY GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM. FRONT to BACK: Jill Deaton, Nancy Lawson, Gina White Elizabeth Tinsley, Evonne Bookwalter, Kathy Mikulas, Vann Brown, Stacey Tyndall, Kim Mayo.

Record
6 Wins, 13 Losses

POG	OPP
29-36	Norfolk Collegiate
34-56	Norfolk Academy
47-41	Isle of Wight
43-62	Tabb
41-43	Gloucester
48-40	Bruton
46-45	Mathews
30-47	Tabb
34-44	Gloucester
52-48	Isle of Wight
42-47	Bruton
59-38	Mathews
34-50	Portsmouth Catholic
28-71	York
31-48	Tabb
25-62	Gloucester
52-45	Bruton
24-53	York
23-61	York
39-57	York





After a hard practice, Coach Dave Nelson talks to the members of the team about their next competition.

JAYVEE

"We intended to improve with each practice and each game. If we did that, we would be satisfied." This feeling was expressed by Coach Mark VanDervort of the jayvee Girls' team. Their final record of two wins and fourteen losses reflects the team's lack of experience, but fails to illustrate the learning and improvement that was accomplished.

For the year, three girls were chosen as Most Improved Players. They were eighth grader Jennie Bowden, freshman Shannon Fay, and sophomore Alice Ann Carmines. The entire team learned a great deal, including the seven veterans.



JV GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM. FRONT to BACK: Monica Gaines, Amy Tyndall, Brantlee Campbell, Karl Townsend, Danielle Trombetta, Alice Ann Carmines, Susan Gardner, Lori Clark, Nicole Brunney, Lisa Jorden, Dani Huggett, Jenny Biggs, Shannon Fay, Diane Smith, Jennie Bowden, Coach Mark VanDervort, Belina Hammersley.



Against Tebb, Dani Huggett forces the ball up the court on a tough defender. Tebb was the victor, with a 45-35 decision.

Record 2 Wins, 14 Losses

POG	OPP
22-30	Isle of Wight
30-34	Tabb
24-49	Gloucester
25-16	Bruton
21-28	Mathews
17-36	Tabb
16-45	Gloucester
35-31	Isle of Wight
17-51	Bruton
22-24	Mathews
24-51	York
35-46	Tabb
14-44	Gloucester
19-39	Bruton
23-55	York
20-30	York

TUMBLING TO WIN

Gymnasts Fourth in State

The theory of gymnastics coach Bob Gemmill was, "if we could get past Districts, we could place in the top four at state." This assumption proved to be true. The girls were second in District and in Regionals. The team then went on to state where they took fourth place.

The team had some experience this year, with ten members returning from last year and only two newcomers. The team's experience, along with talent, was evident by their record of 8 wins and 2 losses.

One of the team's great victories was over their archrival Tabb. The two teams were tense throughout the meet and wanted to do their best in their routines. The members of the team wanted the victory over the first place team in the District, especially after losing to them earlier by a difference of six points.

The girls' first loss of the season came in their second meet of the year. York Falcons handed them this loss. This was an upset for the team with just one tenth of a point separating the two teams. The final score was Poquoson-95.7, York-95.8. The second loss came in their first meet against Tabb.

The team qualified to go to

regionals by placing second in the District. A good showing in regionals had the girls on the road to Cox High School to compete for a state title. This was the first time the girls competed in the state competition in six years.

Seven members of the team represented the school at the state meet. Both Susan Roberts and Lara Kain

competed in all of the events: beam, floor, bars, and vault. Pam Yourey did beam, floor and bars, while Michelle Norsworthy did bars and vault. Amy Fisher competed on vault and Traci Heitzig on beam and floor. Sherry Campbell was supposed to do the beam, but because of an injury was unable to compete.

At the Winter Sports Banquet there were four awards given out. Susan Roberts was the recipient of the Hardest Working. Most Improved was awarded to Sherry Campbell. Lara Kain earned two awards, Most Valuable and Best All Around.



A good beam routine at a District meet gave Susan Roberts a third place and qualified her for regionals. Susan had a score of 8.35 on the beam.



At regional competition, Lara Kain performs her routine on the floor exercise with the skill of a champion.



With great concentration, Pam Yourey works on her beam routine to help her team take second in the region.



Anxiously awaiting a score, Coach Bob Gemmill talks to Susan Roberts, Pam Yourey, and Traci Heitzig about their performance at a District meet.



GYMNASTICS TEAM. FRONT to BACK: Sherry Campbell, Susan Roberts, Anje Phelps, Paula Yourey, Lara Kain, Whitney Winters, Pam Yourey, Jennifer Ambrose, Amy Fisher.

Record		
8 Wins, 2 Losses		
POQ		OPP
94-82		Gloucester
95.7-95.8		York
92-81		Bruton
94-100		Tabb
94-71		New Kent
94-79		Gloucester
95-88		Northampton
94-88		Franklin
93-76		Bruton
98.6-95.7		Tabb

TAKE DOWN!

Second in State

The matmen, led by Coach Mike Mousetis, wrestled their way to a second place finish in the state competition. They completed impressive first place finishes in Sectionals and Regionals.

"We wrestled a lot of good competition which prepared us for state."

The tough nondistrict teams of Kellam, Great Bridge, Kempsville, and Grundy offered matches that were not decided until after the last weight class. Two tough losses at the Virginia Duals versus AA rival Osbourn Senior 32-34, and AAA power Kempsville 28-42, and the Islanders felt ready to take on all district competition. After rolling over Bruton 67-6, and Gloucester 49-19, the grapplers were ready for the task of taking on the York Falcons and the Tabb Tigers. After being picked even with the Falcons and Tigers all season long, the Islanders secured

the York River District title with a 46-27 victory over York and a 43-23 conquest of Tabb.

This gave them a 4-0 record in district competition.

At Sectionals the Islanders

again showed their strength by walking away with the team title. The next weekend they proceeded to dismantle foes from the Region I area with yet another team title. The matmen took eight wrestlers to the state tournament in Harrisonburg. They wrestled their way to an impressive second place finish led by seniors Casey Graham and Scott Brown, and junior John Morris. Coach Mousetis stated that, "We wrestled a lot of good competition this year and our record could have been better against different foes, but the stiff competition prepared us better for the state tournament."

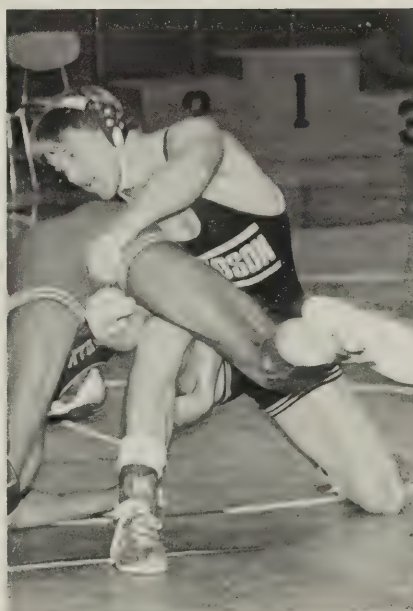
Between periods Robbie Insley discusses his strategy with Coach Mike Mousetis. Robbie went on to decide his man decisively.





WRESTLING TEAM. FRONT to BACK: Ed Davis, John Check, Shawn Irwin, Adam Hankins, John Hirsch, Robert Henesey, Darrel Price, Robbie Insley, Amy Ferguson, Coach John Mousetis,

Greg Casey, Casey Graham, Greg Bottoms, Paul Demerly, Scott Brown, Chad Grube, Mike Brown, John Morris, Coach Mike Mousetis.

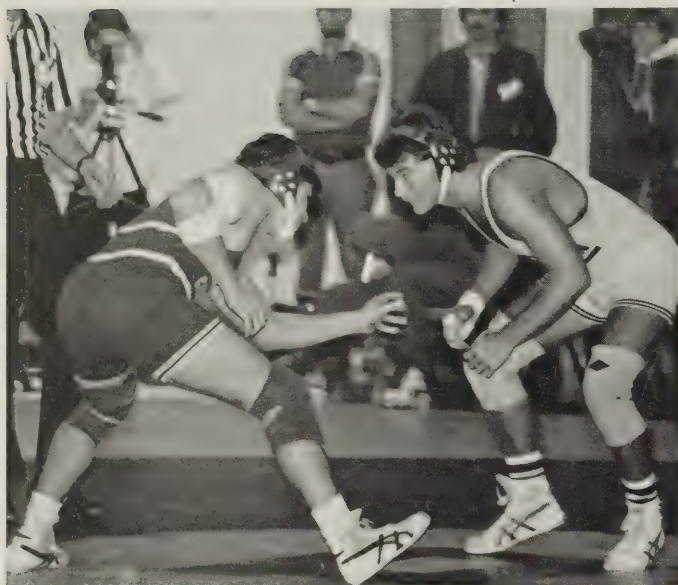


In a match with York, John Morris gets ready to pin his opponent. John helped his team defeat York 45-27.

In the Sectional Tournament, Scott Brown has a tough match with a Northampton opponent, whom he later pins. Poquoson finished first in Sectionals.

At a home wrestling match against Tabb, Chad Grube prepares to wrestle off with his man. Chad pinned his man in the third period, and Poquoson won 43-23.

At a quad meet, Mike Brown prepares to take down his Princess Anne opponent. Mike won the close match with a 4-3 decision helping his team to a 44-22 victory.



At regionals, Darrell Price attempts to put his man on his back. Despite wrestling with a fractured wrist, the match was close, but Darrell was decided.

Record		
12 Wins, 5 Losses		
POQ		OPP
55-12		Northampton
33-32		Grundy
49-23		Denbigh
66-12		Warwick
25-39		Great Bridge
19-42		Kellam
56-9		Oscar Smith
64-3		Kecoughtan
19-43		Kellam
67-6		Bruton
32-34		Osborn Senior
28-42		Kempsville
49-19		Gloucester
46-27		York
43-23		Tabb
45-15		Hermitage
44-22		Princess Anne

OUTSTANDING



Casey Graham will be remembered as one of the best athletes to ever wrestle for Poquoson. His determination on the mat and poise off the mat made him an outstanding competitor — a true champion. During his career, Casey won three previous state championships and his composite record was a superb 119-4-1.



Scott Brown can be described as a wrestler born with natural talent. He has the aggressiveness and skill to dominate at anything he attempts. He was the only undefeated wrestler on the Poquoson team this year, winning his second consecutive state championship. Scott finished his career with a record of 112-14.

ON THE COURT

Winning is not everything

The stands are not quite as full as they were in the past and the pressure of the game is more relaxed. The great players such as Todd Bowden and Jackie Stone have graduated, leaving behind many memories and a district championship. Although this year's team won no district championship the memories of the year will remain with each player.

The team was led by seniors Todd Sperling, Mike Musiol, Tad Vest, and C.B. Coleman. The season started with the team traveling to Manassas, Virginia, where they played Osbourn Senior and Stonewall Jackson High School. The team lost both games, but Todd Sperling showed that he was the leader on the court for the Islanders. He continued to

dominate in each game, but the team always seemed to come up short. They first tasted victory at home against a tough Portsmouth Catholic opponent, winning 43-39. Todd led the Islanders in scoring and rebounding in the game.

The next victory came against Norfolk Catholic at their gym. Norfolk Catholic had previously beaten the Islanders in a tournament which Norfolk Catholic hosted. Despite being sick, Todd still played the game and helped his team to a victory, 43-38.

Later that week, Todd found out that he had a serious case of mononucleosis and would have to sit out for the rest of the year. Though the team played tough in every game for the rest of the

season, they were not the same without Todd.

The team nearly beat Gloucester by coming back from a huge deficit behind tough defense and a 20-point performance by point-guard Mike Musiol. In a district game against first-place Tabb, the Islanders started off strong, leading at the end of the first quarter. At half time, the team was only three points behind the leaders. Tabb came out with a strong surge in the second half creating a great margin of victory, defeating Poquoson 73-52. Poquoson was led by Mike Musiol with 23 points. When asked about the team, Coach Dave Nelson replied, "These were dedicated young men, who faced up to much adversity."

Despite playing in only four

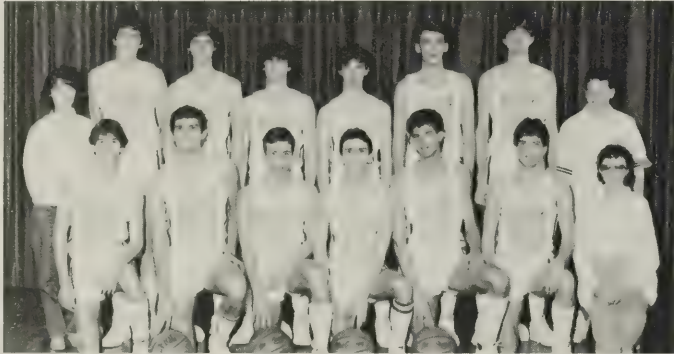
district games, Todd Sperling was named to the Second Team All-District by the York River District coaches. Mike Musiol was named Honorable Mention.

At the Winter Sports Banquet, numerous awards were given. The Most Valuable Team Player was shared between Todd Sperling and Mike Musiol. Musiol was also named Best Defensive Player and received the Academic Award. Clay Marcum was named Most Improved, while Ike Davis obtained the Sportsmanship Award.

In the game against Tabb, Mike Musiol attempts to drive to the basket while Ike Davis sets a screen for him. Tabb won the game with a score of 68-48.



In the final game with Tabb, C.B. Coleman, Ike Davis, and Tad Vest try to keep them from scoring. Tabb swept Poquoson with a score of 73-52.



VARSITY BOYS' BASKETBALL TEAM.
FRONT to BACK: Jim Johnson, Todd Sperling, Mike Musiol, Tad Vest, C.B. Coleman, Jay Hicks, Bodina Wright, Sherry Miskell, Clay

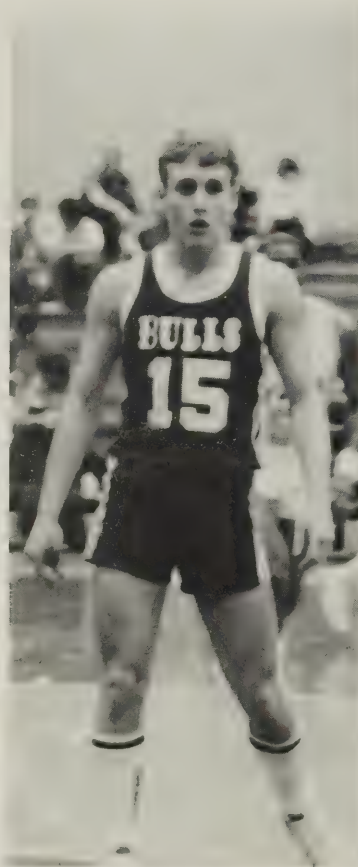
Marcum, Alan Bowden, Brad Howard, Brent Collins, Ike Davis, Chris Nadeau, Scott Johnson.



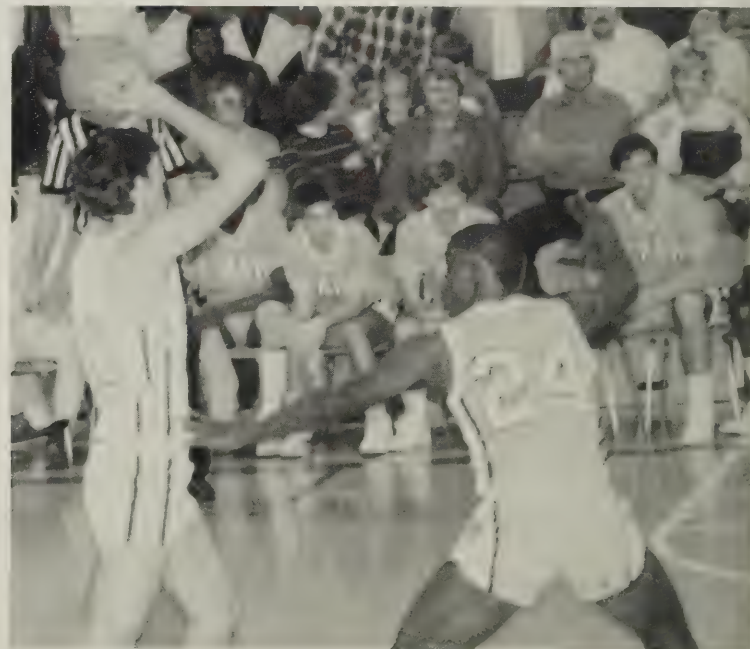
Record
 2 Wins, 19 Losses

POQ	OPP
29-55	Osbourn
41-50	Stonewall Jackson
43-39	Portsmouth Catholic
45-60	York
47-78	Mt. St. Joseph
50-66	Norfolk Academy
65-77	Norfolk Catholic
35-60	Tabb
43-38	Norfolk Catholic
35-44	Bruton
46-73	Gloucester
58-68	Gloucester
27-78	York
55-77	Bruton
52-60	Norfolk Catholic
48-68	Tabb
56-85	Gloucester
33-64	York
52-73	Tabb
54-69	Portsmouth Catholic
69-96	Bruton

At Bruton, Mike Musiol takes a short break before getting back to playing hard defense. The Panthers won the contest with a score of 77-55.



In one of his few district games, Todd Sperling works against a Tabb defender. Despite Todd's efforts, Tabb won 60-35.



Against York, Coaches Dave Nelson and Mark VanDervort watch in quiet disbelief as York wins 78-27.



JAYVEE

"The season went well considering the inexperience of the team. A lot of different players got time in the game, and all the victories were a team effort." Coach Mark VanDervort expressed these thoughts about his junior varsity team. Although the team did not finish high in the district, they ended the season with a respectable record of 5-11.

The floor leaders for the team were freshman Todd Lawson, only 5'2," and sophomore Mike Firman. Todd broke the full-court presses of each opponent consistently, while Mike was the constant rebounder. Todd and Mike were named

team MVPs. Daniel Jones was the Most Improved, while Jeff Rutledge was the Best Defensive Player.

Record
5 Wins, 13 Losses

POG	OPP
56-37	Portsmouth Catholic
57-48	Virginia School
29-47	York
31-53	Tabb
44-39	Norfolk Catholic
42-71	Bruton
22-55	Gloucester
30-42	York
39-42	Gloucester
38-48	Bruton
50-66	Norfolk Catholic
45-65	Tabb
38-57	Gloucester
66-57	Virginia School
37-69	York
48-68	Tabb
57-49	Portsmouth Catholic
34-100	Bruton



JV BOYS' BASKETBALL TEAM. FRONT TO BACK: Jimmy Miskell, Brad Bookwalter, John Sylvia, Jeff Duncan, Todd Lawson, Travis Rice, Jeff Rutledge, Leslie Cornelius,

Mike Firman, David Britt, Daniel Jones, Shawn Nadeau, Robert Tinsley, Matt Howard, Garrett Pressick.



While playing Tabb, Todd Lawson prepares to make a pass to Garrett Pressick. Tabb defeated the Bulls 53-31.

SHOUT!

Let it all out!

No school spirit, no colorful posters in the halls, no pep rallies, no cheerleaders! We sometimes took their smiling faces for granted, but where would we have been without the cheerleaders?

They were always hard at work supporting the teams and promoting

"Working with cheerleaders is always an interesting experience. The addition of boys to the squad was a fantastic innovative step."

school spirit. While other sports last one season, cheerleading lasts all year. Practices started August 10th. The squad had to prepare for a cheerleading competition and the upcoming sports seasons. They utilized the skills and techniques that they learned at the Old Dominion NCA camp they attended. There were many other tasks cheerleaders per-

formed other than cheering and planning pep rallies. They also made posters and planned activities for homecoming week, not to mention the numerous occasions

when they acted as hostesses to visiting teams at tournaments.

They were definitely a dedi-

cated group of girls and guys. Yes, guys! There were three boys on the squad. Head cheerleading sponsor Barbara Rich said, "Working with cheerleaders is always an interesting experience. This year had been no exception. The addition of boys to the squad was a fantastic, innovative step."

Co-sponsors Greg Hopkins, Denise Junghans and Bar-

bara Rich helped contribute to the successful year, along with the captain of the squad, senior Andrea Firth.

All the cheerleaders were dynamic but the girls voted and gave out some individual honors. Best All-Around cheerleader was sophomore Amy Hawkes, while the Most Spirited award went to freshman Becky Bradshaw. Senior Tara Smith was the recipient of most cooperative, and the cheerleader who was voted Most-Improved was junior Amy Coleman.

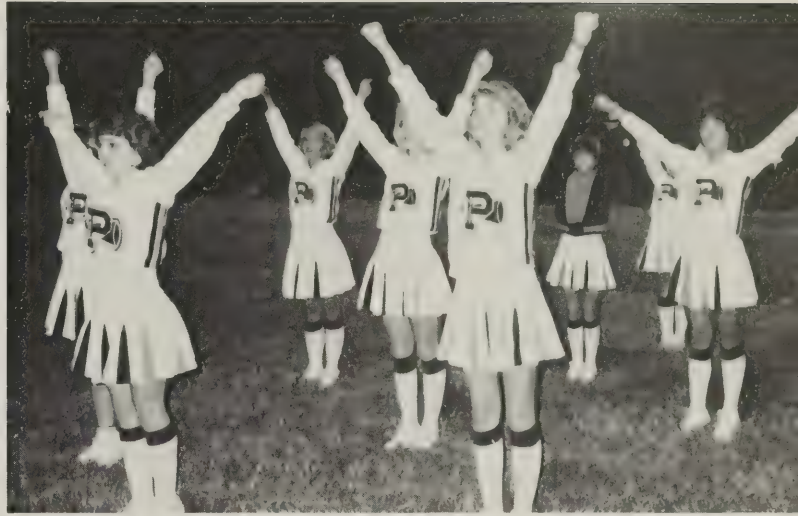
Athletic Director Dave Nelson said, "The dedication, support, and spirit the cheerleaders generate is unsurpassed, I am personally very proud of them and their sponsors."

"We're number one," cheered Laurel Wissinger, Bonnie Rollins, and Karen Parr as the basketball team moved the ball down the court.





On the sidelines Karen Parr, Amy Coleman, Terry Baugh, Stacey Overbay, Christy Walker, and Becky Bradshaw practice their Hello cheer.



Showing his strength and expertise Robbie Insley lifted Bonnie Rollins in a stunt.

"This is what our little boys eat, to knock the other team off their feet." In keeping with tradition, Becky Bradshaw and Terry Baugh did their part in "Hatcha" during the Homecoming pep-rally.

At halftime, Sherri Campbell, Laurel Wissinger, Jennifer McGlohn, Stacey Overbay and Lisa Shelton do a stunt.



CHEERLEADERS. FRONT to BACK: Karen Parr, Sherri Campbell, Phaedra Moran, Christy Walker, Anje Phelps, Bonnie Rollins, Laurel Wissinger, Nina Seligman, Jennifer McGlohn,

Amy Martin, Stacey Overbay, Lisa Shelton, Amy Hawkes, Tara Smith, Buma Nelsen, Terry Baugh, Andrea Firth, Michelle Moore, Becky Bradshaw, Amy Coleman.



While the varsity basketball team had a time-out, Buma Nelsen, Laurel Wissinger, Karen Parr, Bonnie Rollins, and Amy Coleman entertained the fans.

Marching with the rest of the squad in the Homecoming parade were freshmen Bonnie Rollins and senior Paul Demerly.





At a track meet with Gloucester, Mike Logsdon clears the opening height of 9 feet. Mike went on to clear 11 feet 6 inches and win the event.

RUNNING WILD

Teams not discouraged

"We shall return!" was the response that Coach Bernie Wright gave about this year's track team. The season did

not meet up to the expectations that were sought by Coach Wright or

"We shall return!" remarked Coach Bernie Wright.

any of the members of the track team. Both teams finished at the bottom of the district pile, but fine performances were turned in by many athletes.

The season for the boys would seem to be a disappointment, but that is not how it should be classified. The members worked hard

before and after school to help improve themselves. Exciting performances were turned in by Mark Williams,

Mike Logsdon, and Chuck Tookey. Mark broke his old record

in the two mile run and he finished third in the state in the mile run. Mark dominated in the York River District in both of these races, and was named to the All-Peninsula team in the mile. Mike Logsdon competed in the high jump, but his mainstay was the pole vault competition, and his best jump was 12-0

feet. Chuck Tookey was a fierce competitor. He was one of the fastest sprinters and had perfect running form. Chuck made it to regionals in three events. The boys' closest meet was a 66-70 loss to Tabb.

The girls had the same kind of season as the boys and they also had outstanding performances. The girls were led by Cheryl Dyer, Stephanie Olson, Kari Tookey, and Pam Yourey. Cheryl Dyer ran through the district in the 400 and 800 meters. Cheryl made it to the state meet in the 800 meters, where she placed second and was named to the All-Peninsula team. Stephanie Olson made it to regionals in the

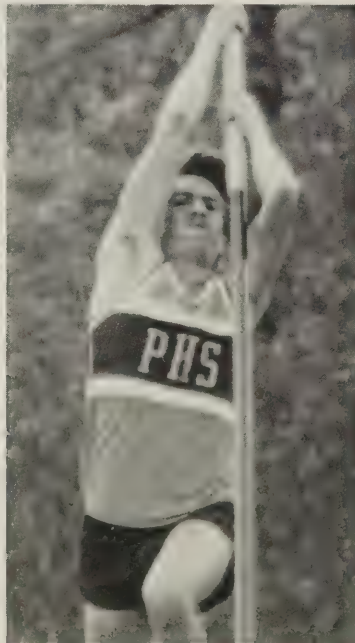
mile run, but did not qualify for state. Kari Tookey and Pam Yourey were runners, and both competed in the long jump and triple jump. It was inevitable that one of the girls would win an event. All these girls will be returning next year to compete.

Record		
Boys		
0 Wins, 4 Losses		
POQ		OPP
49-87		York
26-110		Bruton
66-70		Tabb
64-72		Gloucester
Girls		
0 Wins, 4 Losses		
42-84		York
45-82		Bruton
39-88		Tabb
38-89		Gloucester

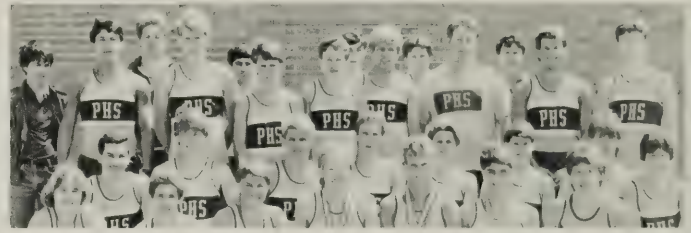
Against Tabb, Chuck Tookey and Mike Logsdon run the 110 yard high hurdles. Chuck finished in first place and Mike took third.



Before the meet with Burton, Scott Hahn practices pole vaulting. Scott improved his overall performance in the meet clearing 9 feet and 6 inches.



In a hard race with a Tabb opponent, Stephanie Olson runs the 1600 meters. Despite the close race, Stephanie finished in second.



BOYS' TRACK TEAM. FRONT to BACK: Richard Kist, Kenny Williams, Scott Hahn, Robb Hill, Mark Williams, Chuck Tookey, Mark Stewart, Brian Zamora, Brad Bookwalter, Scott Petermann, Ryan Hill, Jim McHenry, Matt Regan, Jimmy Dossey,

Michael Leatherman, Danny Leatherman, Chad Grube, Darren Smith, Adam Hankins, Wesley Firman, Tim Blankenship, John Mayo, Mike Brown, Steve Kostoff, Jeff Collins, John Moussetis, Ed Davis, Bernie Wright, Robert Turner.



GIRLS TRACK TEAM. FRONT to BACK: Alice Ann Carmines, Kim Mayo, Stephanie Olson, Susan Gardner, Gina White, Rachel Rodel, Angie Bonner, Nancy McCuiston, Pam Yourey, Karl Tookey, Cheryl Dyer, Tana

Estes, Jennifer Ambrose, Kim McCabe, Monica Gaines, Stephanie Huber, Christine Martino, Debbie Binkly, Myshell Homer, Lara Burtleson, John Moussetis, Bernie Wright, Robbie Turner.



At Gloucester John Mayo heaves the shot put a respectable distance. On the next throw John threw the winning distance of 46 feet.



MARK IT

A tall, thin blondheaded boy entered the building with his only real thoughts being a new experience and eventual graduation. This is how Mark Williams could be described as he entered Poquoson High for the first time. During his Sophomore year he ran cross-country and track and has dominated in the York River District ever since.

In cross-country, Mark has been one of the toprunners in the Region for the last two years. This year he won the York River District, finished second in the region, and fourteenth in the state. This earned him a spot on the All-Peninsula Sports Club team, which honors only six runners on the Peninsula.

Track is Mark's forte. In the mile run he had the best time on the Peninsula, earning him All-Peninsula honors in that event. In regional and state competition, Mark finished fifth in the mile run at regionals, and finished the state meet at an amazing third place.

Mark Williams has been quite an asset to Poquoson High School and his determination will benefit him in the future.

'LOB' TO 'LOVE'

Boys second in district

Long seasons were the prospective hopes for both the boys' and girls' tennis teams. The boys enjoyed their long season because they were constantly winning. The girls were not as fortunate, but most of them were underclassmen and will return next year. The final record for Coach Ed Spain's boys was 11-4 and Coach

Brenda Winstead's girls had a 3-9 record.

The boys' team was not expected to be as tough in the district as they were. They repeated being District Champions, but this year they tied for first with York. In a playoff match with the falcons to see who would go to Regionals, York barely defeated the Islanders 5-4.

Mike Bumgarner, who played fourth seed, turned in an undefeated season until the District Tournament, where he was defeated. In

doubles play, Mike and his partner Jim Johnson were the top number seed in the district. Until the District tournament, the duo had only lost one match, and that was to a tough AAA opponent.

For a great season, Mike and Jim were named the top doubles team at their position on the Peninsula. The team's success can be attributed to Coach Spain and his tough three hour practices.

The season for the girl's team was not quite as

successful. The year was mainly a learning experience for the girls, all the top seeds will be returning next year.

Heather Wortham played the number one seed for the Islanders. Strong showings were made by Krista Townsend and Stephanie Szupel. Krista and Stephanie played third and fifth seeds respectively and defeated many of their district opponents.

Before a district match with Tabb, Stacey Lippincott and Heather Wortham work with their coach, Mrs. Brenda Winstead. Stacey and Heather played second and first seed, respectively, for the Islanders.





With his sweats on before a match against Bruton, Mike Bumgarner works near the net. Mike defeated his opponent 6-2, 6-2, while Poquoson won 8-1.

Making a successful return, Ed Womom defeats an opponent from Tabb. Ed won 0-6, 6-3, 6-3, and Poquoson came away with a 6-3 decision.



Returning a successful backhand, Heather Wortham struggles with a tough Norfolk Catholic opponent. Heather lost 4-6, 5-7, but Poquoson won the match 6-3.

While playing at Tabb, Lisa Riggins prepares to ace her opponent. Lisa played hard and won the match 6-1, 6-4, but Poquoson lost 2-7.

In a practice before the match with Peninsula Catholic, Lisa Riggins and Stephanie Szupel exchange serves. Lisa and Stephanie both won their matches.



Playing third seed for Poquoson against Bruton, Krista Townsend serves to an opponent. Krista worked to a 6-2, 6-4 win, but Bruton edged their way to a 5-4 win of the match.

While practicing with two other teammates, Tony DiPippa watches Sean Quinn follow through on a lob.



BOYS' TENNIS TEAM. FRONT to BACK: Mark Boucher, Sean Quinn, Jeff Martin, Pat Anderson, Tony DiPippa, Jimmy Phillips,

Steve Taylor, Jim Johnson, Ed Spain, Mike Bumgarner, Ed Wornom.



GIRLS' TENNIS TEAM. FRONT to BACK: Paula Yourey, Brantlee Campbell, Krista Townsend, Jennie Oakes, Stephanie Szupel, Amy Bradley, Brenda Jones, Angela

Huggins, Brenda Winstead, Shannon Fay, Stacey Lippincott, Lisa Riggins, Heather Wortham.

Record Girls		
3 Wins, 9 Losses		
POQ		OPP
7-2	Peninsula Catholic	
0-9	York	
2-7	Tabb	
6-3	Norfolk Catholic	
1-8	Gloucester	
2-7	Hampton Roads Academy	
4-5	Bruton	
0-9	York	
6-3	Peninsula Catholic	
3-6	Tabb	
1-8	Gloucester	
3-6	Bruton	

Record Boys		
11 Wins, 4 Losses		
POQ		OPP
4-5		York
6-2		Tabb
7-0		Windsor
3-6		Gloucester
8-1		Bruton
9-0	Peninsula Catholic	
7-2	Ferguson	
5-4	York	
6-3	Warwick	
6-3	Tabb	
7-2	Gloucester	
8-1	Bruton	
3-6	Menchville	
7-2	Phoebus	
4-5	York	

A GOAL NOT FAR

District and Tourney Champs

An outstanding team performance by the Islander soccer team led them to the District and Tournament Championships. They finished with an overall record of 12-4-2. The team clinched the district after tying York in the sixth game. No district team defeated the Islanders and the 6-0-2 district record is the best in the history of Poquoson High School soccer.

The team started the season by playing a tough schedule. The first opponents were of AAA status. Denbigh defeated the Islanders by a narrow score of 3-2. Then the

team went on to crush Warwick High School by a score of 8-0. The hard-playing team of Lafayette, a power in AAA schools, escaped the Islanders with a 2-0 decision. Phoebus was heavily overpowered and was defeated 6-0.

The Islanders were led in scoring by junior Jeff Hill with 21 goals. Jeff finished as one of the leading scorers in the district. He was helped in scoring by senior Mike McCabe and junior Mike Vaughan. On defense, hard charging John Leach led the fullbacks and the ever-reliable Jeff McCuistion

played as the Islander goal keeper.

When asked about this year's team, Coach Bob Gemmill commented, "We expected to make it to Regionals, but never expected to be undefeated in the District. I think our record demonstrates how much we played like a team." The Islanders breezed through the district with decisive wins over Bruton and Gloucester. In the District tournament Poquoson crushed Gloucester 7-2 in the first game. In the championship game, Jeff Hill headed in a pass from Ricky Cissa to

defeat Tabb 1-0.

In the first game of the Region, Poquoson met Manchester. The Islanders were not put to the test and easily won 3-0. The second game was much the same with the thrashing of Smithfield 7-0. The last game was a disappointment for the Islanders. Midlothian won the final contest of Regionals with a 2-1 victory over Poquoson.

Before an intersquad scrimmage, John Leach and Robert Henessey practice their dribbling.



SECOND IN REGION

This was the first year that the Soccer team ever dominated the York River District. The team rolled over every other team with decisive victories, earning them an automatic berth in the Regional Tournament. The Regional Tournament is the last step for the soccer teams since there is no state-wide tournament.

In the first game of Regionals, Poquoson defeated Manchester. The score of the game was 3-0. Jeff Hill scored 2 goals and Mike McCabe scored one. The second game was more of a free for all for Poquoson. The final score was 7-0, with

the ever-dependable Jeff Hill scoring two goals. The third and final game was a grudge match against Midlothian High School. The game was close, but Midlothian won the game 2-1 on a penalty kick in the second half.

Many players were selected to the All York River Team. The First Team consisted of Jeff Hill, John Leach, Todd Curtis, with Jeff McCusition at goalie. The Second team included Mike Vaughan, Mike McCabe, and Chris Phipps. Honorable Mention went to Chris Soova, Chris Nadeau, Jeep Wedding, and Mike Jones.



Resting for a moment against Manchester, Chris Nadeau, Mike McCabe, and Chris Phipps watch until action resumes again. Poquoson upended Manchester 3-0.

In the regional game with Smithfield, Chris Phipps and Mike McCabe hustle up the field to help with another goal. Poquoson easily defeated Smithfield 7-0.





Ready to make a throw-in against Tabb, Ricky Cissa looks for a man. Poquoson won the District Tournament game 1-0.



SOCCER TEAM. FRONT to BACK: Beth Ballman, Leslie Cornelius, Jeep Wedding, Jeff Hill, Mike Vaughan, Chris Phipps, John Leach, Todd Curtis, Tracey Pugh, Richard Vaughan, Chris Soova, Matt Taylor, Tim Pinner, John Ohlinger, Bodina Wright, Chris Nadeau, Brian Bartram,

Toby Hale, Scott Johnson, Jeff McCuiston, Mike McCabe, Kevin Weis, Eric Umstead, Mike Jones, Bill Pyllaris, Robert Hennessey, Ricky Cissa, Brian Cavanaugh, Coach Brian Nagel, Coach Bob Gemmill.



Record		
12 Wins, 4 Losses, 2 Ties		
POQ		OPP
2-3		Denbigh
8-0		Warwick
0-1		Thomas Dale
6-0		Phoebus
0-2		Lafayette
4-1		Gloucester
6-3		York
2-1		Tabb
4-0		Bruton
8-0		Gloucester
2-2		York
1-1		Tabb
2-1		Bruton
7-2		Gloucester
1-0		Tabb
3-0		Manchester
7-0		Smithfield
1-2		Midlothian

At soccer tryouts, Kevin Weis kicks the ball to another player during a drill. Kevin was the only starting freshman on this year's soccer team.



After scoring the second goal against Manchester, Jeff Hill is congratulated by Mike McCabe and keeper Jeff McCuiston. Jeff Hill was the leading scorer for Poquoson.

STRIKE!

Finish with Win

After tough non-district losses to AAA powers Ferguson and Kecoughtan, the Islanders baseball team never really played to their overall potential.

Although the season started off with an impressive win over Hampton Roads Academy, 11-2, it was followed by close losses to Kecoughtan, 7-4, and Ferguson, 9-7. The Islanders played tough, but never really seemed to put it all together.

Starting the district competition with a 2-4 record, the Bulls lost close, one run games to Gloucester, 2-1, and to York, 11-10, in 12 innings. The team also lost to Tabb, 14-5 before tasting their first district victory of the season over Bruton, 7-3.

After playing each team again and having a district record of 2-6, the Islanders still had a shot at making it to regional competition.

After beating Gloucester

on the road 3-2, a setback at the hands of York 8-5, and a loss to district champion Tabb 5-2, the Islanders hope of reaching regional competition was ended.

The Islanders did avenge an early loss to Bruton by beating the Panthers 2-1 and finished with a 4-8 district record and a 6-12 overall record.

The Islanders were led by senior All-District pitcher Jimmy Knaub's 4-2 record and a 2.15 era.

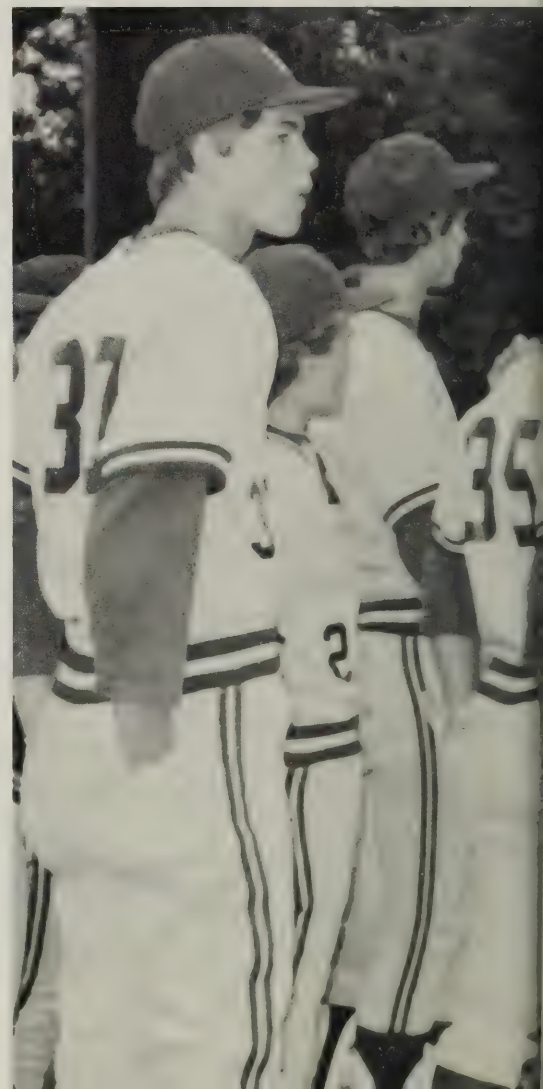
Shortstop Jay Hicks, All-District outfielder Scott Wiggins, and leftfielder Robbie Insley led the team in hitting.

Honorable-Mention All-District catcher Elliott Duty takes pitches from Jimmy Knaub at an afternoon practice.

First team All-District pitcher Jimmy Knaub winds up to deliver a pitch. Jimmy was a key element in all of the Islander victories.



After making an outstanding catch against Bruton, leftfielder Robbie Insley trots off the field. Robbie helped his team to a 2-1 victory over Bruton in the final game of the season.



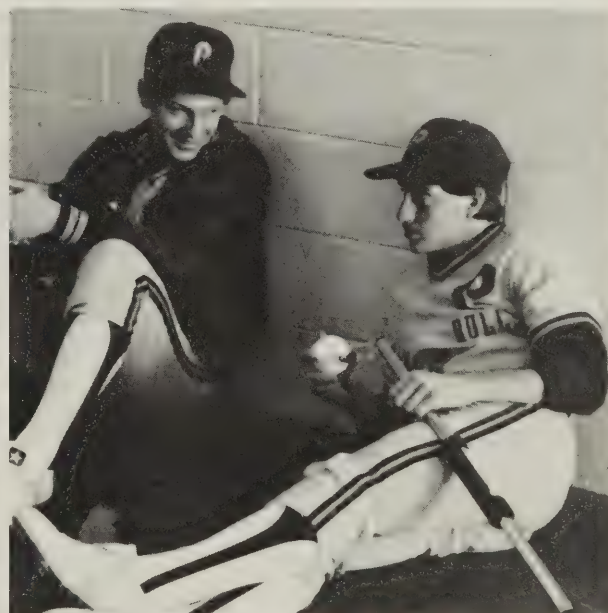


Record		
6 Wins, 12 Losses		
POQ.		Opp.
11-2	Hampton Roads Academy	
4-7	Kecoughtan	
7-9	Ferguson	
2-11	Northampton	
3-2	Sacred Heart	
1-5	John Yeates	
1-3	Gloucester	
5-14	Tabb	
10-11	York	
7-3	Bruton	
1-3	Gloucester	
1-7	Tabb	
10-3	York	
3-4	Bruton	
3-2	Gloucester	
2-5	Tabb	
5-8	York	
2-1	Bruton	



BASEBALL TEAM FRONT TO BACK: Steve Forrest, Jeff Rutledge, Darin Defendelfer, Tom Cannella, Troy Miller, Kevin Burton, Tommy Bastian, Derick Miller, Shane Campbell, Robbie Insley, Jamie Leake, Coach John Kain,

Rob Rollins, Jimmy Khaub, Mark Irving, Jay Hicks, Alan Bowden, Melvin Hornsby, Kyle Wimmer, Garrett Pressick, Elliott Duty, Scott Wiggins, Terri Verstynen, Heather Moore.



Before the bus arrives to go to York, Shane Campbell and Scott Wiggins converse quietly about the game.

Before the game with Tabb, Coach John Kain discusses with his players the strategy. Even though Poquoson played well, errors in the first few innings gave Tabb the victory.

SAFE OR OUT?

Islanders go to regionals

The Girls' softball season may not have started off with a bang, but it ended with one. Their district record of 8-4 advanced them to regional play.

The first district game against Gloucester set the pace for the season for the Lady Islanders. The score for the game remained tied 1-1 until the fourteenth inning. With two people on base Evonne Bookwalter bunted to advance the runners. After a series of plays, the team scored four runs and ended the game with a 5-1 victory.

The girls continued their season doing well, beating the other teams in the district. But their luck ran out. With four away games in a row, the players became weary and had problems hitting and fielding the ball. It was a disappointment for the girls to lose four of their last five games.

The record going into the last game of the regular season was 8-4, tied with Bruton for first place. Bruton was also the last game of the season for the Islanders. After losing the lead of 2-1 through fielding errors, the team never regained its momentum and lost the game 7-5.

The season for district competition ended with a three way tie among Bruton, Tabb and Poquoson for first

place. The luck of a coin toss awarded the girls a bye and they played Tabb one more time for the District title. The team won the game 2-1 on the afternoon of the Prom. They were on their way to regional play as the number one seed in the York River District.

The first regional game was against Manchester on

the evening of Memorial Day. With a good defense and a hitting rally in the third inning the Islanders beat the Lancers 5-1.

The second round of regional play was held at Greenville County High School. A two hour bus trip and end-of-the-year fatigue must have plagued the girls, because they fell to Green-

ville 18-7.

At the spring awards banquet the team honored the player they felt to be the most valuable to the team. This award went to Evonne Bookwalter. Evonne also earned the award for the highest batting average. The Coach's Award for best all-around player went to Jenni Bryant.



A Care Bear helps the team get the spirit and motivation to win. The girls especially needed its help after their four game losing streak.



Before a practice, D'Arcy Rogers, Tonya Juhl, Becky Bradshaw, Amber Freeman, Michelle Moore, and Lisa Busse show enthusiasm by sprinting on to the field.



After getting a hit against York, D'Arcy Rogers walks on to the field to work on her defense. Poquoson won the game 13-8.



While working on fielding practice, outfielder Tana Estes throws the ball back to another player.



VARSITY GIRLS' SOFTBALL TEAM. FRONT to BACK: Lisa Busse, Evonne Bookwalter, Natalie Whitlow, Vann Brown, Michelle Moore, D'Arcy Rogers, April Metcalf, Renee Smith, Audra Diggs, Denise Zamosny, Elizabeth Tinsley,

Amber Freeman, Becky Bradshaw, Tana Estes, Tonya Juhl, Assistant Coach Art Thatcher, Jennifer Boyer, Jenny Bryant, Michelle Finch, Terry Baugh, Danielle Trombeta, Donna Herbener, Manager Tamara Geil, Coach Denise Jughans.

Record
11 Wins, 7 Losses

POQ	OPP
3-6	Northampton
6-3	Sussex Central
4-6	John Yeates
5-1	Gloucester
4-2	Tabb
13-8	York
13-8	Bruton
7-1	Gloucester
24-16	Tabb
14-1	York
11-12	Bruton
6-15	Gloucester
8-15	Tabb
4-1	York
5-7	Bruton
2-1	Tabb
5-1	Manchester
7-18	Greensville



Getting ready to face the challenge of the future, Diane Taylor and Donald Hux learn the correct procedure to program computers.

Helping Jeff Martin study, Edward Davis shows him how to end with the right answer.



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Imagine this . . . "The dog was chasing me on the way home, and I dropped my books and ran for my life! No, I would look more winded. The school caught on fire and the grade books burned. No, they would have heard about that one. I dropped it in a big mud puddle and a mosquito carried it away. The city bus ran over it. My teacher died before she averaged the grades and she requested to be buried with the grade book. Unfortunately, she was cremated."

You arrive home, none too late, and sneak inside, hoping your parents aren't home. You rush to the kitchen to mark off Report Card Day from the family calendar and replace it with D-Day. Just as you are turning away from the calendar, you see your mother's friendly smile.

"How were your grades dear?" she asks curiously.

"Mom, didn't you hear? A giant mosquito chased a barking dog into the school and they started a fire that cremated my teacher who had been buried with the grade book and they put it out with a mud puddle!! (Oh no, I really messed that one up). No, what I meant was that the city bus ran over it."

"What city bus? We don't have city busses."

"Well mom, you'd better sit down for this one . . .

How many times have you wished you could just stay under the covers and wait for Friday night to come? School is not only somewhere that your parents send you to get you out of their hair, it's a learning experience that will help you later in life.

Even if you don't particularly learn anything in your school classes, school teaches you to become more responsible for everything you do in the future.



Wanting to learn a little bit more about the United States Army, Paul Demerly, Traci Fixx, Amber Freeman, and Scott Kingsmore ask Sgt. Jackson about the many different areas that are available to them.



After singing the typical Spanish Villancicos, Christmas carols, Julie Laske helps Mrs. Karen Burr cook some Christmas deserts.

LATER?

Off sounds the alarm, and I'm rudely awakened Early on a Sunday morn.
I fall off the bed, my head painfully shaken Remembering the night before.

For it's Sunday morning and there's much to be done No more procrastination
It's now eleven-thirty, too late for church Much to my elation.

My dad enters the room and yells "Church time!" "Dad, you're one hour late."
He laughs and chuckles, "Spring forward, fall back! Isn't daylight savings great?"

For it's Sunday morning and there's much to be done, No more procrastination
He's fooled me again, "But it is good for your soul!" Is his favorite explanation.

It's now one o'clock as I cruise around town Now I'm just wasting gas
Should I start my assignments early this time? Homework's such a pain in the rear.

For it's Sunday afternoon and there's much to be done, No more procrastination.
It looks like I'll have about ten hours worth, Very depressing situation.

Now it's four-thirty and John Madden is on, My team is about to score.
My mother kindly suggests "You'd better get going." "Mom just one hour more!"

For it's Sunday evening and there is much to be done, No more procrastination.
I'll surely be in bed by eleven-thirty By my nearest calculations.

Now it's three thirty-one and I'm barely awake; This ballad is

Classes are not always fun, but Todd Sperling enjoys cutting negatives for photography class.



just about done.
I neglected to listen to my mom and dad, And I'll shortly see the
sun.

For it's Monday morning and there's much to be done This time
— no procrastination.
If I'm lucky I might get three hours of sleep Hardly a good
estimation.

— Scott Regan

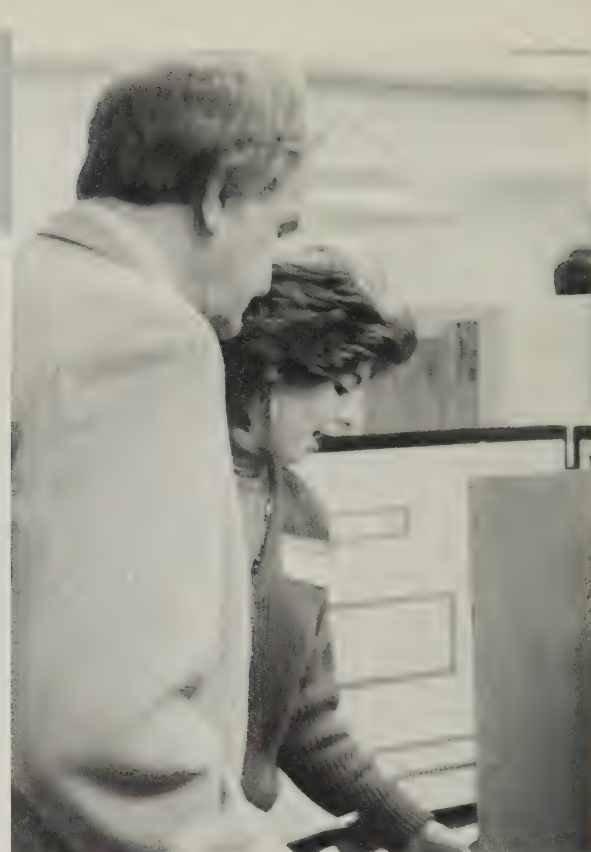
Working can be fun in some situations. Holly Pierce and Karyn Deibel are pleased with their journalism assignment.



Fighting against procrastination, John Klassa and Robert Vires finish their homework in the Commons.

Talking about yesterday's lesson, Gregg Disenza, Eddie Wilson, and Luis Cuesta help each other understand it.





Explaining her experiment to judge Gordon Cox, Pamela Danforth tells how clothes can be made fire retardant.

As judge Charles Blankenship explains a part of the co-efficient of friction, Scott Regan listens carefully.



AT THE FAIR

Trudging up the sidewalk towards the entrance of the school, you idly wonder why teachers did this sort of thing to students. You knew you hadn't been the model student. Reaching the door, you pull it open and try to shove yourself and your colorfully decorated board into the opening before the door slammed shut with the force of the wind.

Once inside the unusually quiet building, you head for the spot where you were supposed to set up your experiment. You get to your spot and realize that someone else has already occupied it. With a groan of misery, you start out in search of Mrs. Joyce Gaines so she can help clear up the problem and you will have time to return home for a quick nap before the judging.

Once you locate her, you are able to move the other person's display to

the correct position. You are finally able to leave after a 10 minute delay moving the other person's materials, and another 15 minutes setting up your own display. You check to make sure everything is in order and leave for your nap.

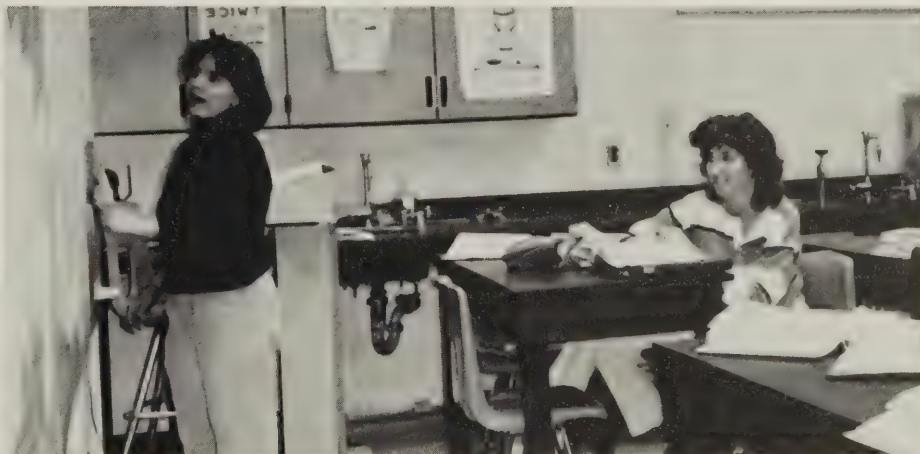
You again head for the doors, but this time at a dead run because of your extended nap. Rushing to your display, you straighten your hair and clothes and nervously wait for your chance to speak with the officials.

Scenes such as this were very much a part of the science fair that occurred on January 11. For some students, the fair was an eagerly anticipated event that had been planned and worked on for the past three months. Other students viewed the fair as a necessary evil in order to pass their chosen science course.

An awards ceremony was held at

1:00 p.m. after the judging had been completed. First, second, and third place awards, as well as several honorable mentions, were given in each category of the two divisions. Sophomore Tim Blankenship took first place in the Senior Division with his experiment entitled "Experimental Antifouling Paints." Ami VanDeventer received the first place award in the Junior Division for her project "Which Lens Cleaner Works Best?"

The two overall winners in the fair were Tim Blankenship, with Best in Show, and junior Brian Jewett, second place, Best in Show for his experiment "En-zymes Epitomes." Both top winners advanced to the regional competition, along with many of the other students who received honors in the fair.



Telling Kathleen Clark about the science fair, Mrs. Mary Beth Leavitt shows her the dimensions the projects should be.

Thumbing through the projects of the fair, Sandi Ferguson tried to decide which is her favorite.

Trying to pass a bill, senators Rob Heffeman, Jeff McCuiston, Phaedra Moran, and Scott Regan find a way to amend the bill.

Discussing an upcoming bill, senators Holly Pierce and Sally Davenport point out the pros and cons of the bill.



POLITICAL JARGON

"I'm afraid that the issue is under the state's jurisdiction."

"What are you talking about? Excuse me, Mr. President, but that senator obviously lacks the accurate information on this bill."

It sounds weird, doesn't it? It's the language of the "politicians." For nearly a month, all the seniors in Mr. Dave Nelson's government classes had to express themselves using this boring and archaic style of speech. The students had to participate in a mock senate, divided into committees, parties, and chambers. The purpose of the mock senate was to reach a better understanding of the American political system, and especially the United States Senate. For a month, Mr. Nelson's big sunny

room was transformed into the crowded and noisy senate floor.

All kinds of bills were proposed by the young senators, but the issues that concerned them the most were the speed limits on the interstates, the seat belt acts, and the drinking age. As in all the democracies, opinions, pro and con, were debated. An agreement among the senators could only be reached by means of intense caucusing and hot discussion. Very few bills passed without being cut somewhere.

After long weeks amending, rewriting, and sending more and more bills on the floor, Mr. Nelson decided that they had had enough. He took the power over again, and established a dictatorship in his class once more.



MAKE MY DAY

Exams are those tests that you take in order to show your knowledge, but in most cases, the only thing they truly show is your ignorance.

Just look at this poor, classic student:

5:30 a.m. — The alarm rings and he wakes up with a sudden move. He finds himself sleeping on his books with his head on the desk. He cannot manage to remember whether he fell asleep while he was studying or if he was sleepwalking. He stands up, yawning, and hits the shelf with his head. "I hate exams," he thinks.

6:30 — A long shower and a few dozen cups of coffee have brought him to life. Now he will be able to work until noon. "I hate them, I hate

them, I hate them . . . boy how I hate them!" While he's eating a couple of waffles, a terrible doubt arises in his mind, the kind that cuts his digestion. It's the question that always strikes him just before an exam: "Why did I waste my time so miserably? Why did I ever think that I could do it?"

7:30 — The common is crowded. Some of the kids smile sarcastically, as if to say, "Make my day. Come on! Ask me a tough one." Some others smile innocently, and their eyes crinkle timidly, excusing themselves, "Yes, you are right. I didn't study. So what?"

9:30 — "What is the point of studying if the teacher never asks you the stuff you know? Give me a coke

please."

10:30 — "There's no reason to be nervous. Read the question again, but this time more slowly: 'What president was the father of the Monroe Doctrine.' The Monroe Doctrine?"

12:30 — "Hi Mom, how's it going? Look, I just stopped by to get some money because I'm going to the mall with . . . what? The exams? What about them? No, listen, I'm not going to study again tonight. Not if the teacher has to ask me questions that were never discussed in class. Can you believe that she asked us who the promoter of the Monroe Doctrine was, and we had never seen that in class before? I felt insulted!"



Giving up the lunch break to study for exams is almost always a sacrifice. David Brodsky found this to be true the day before exams.

Getting ready for l'examen de francais, Mrs. Rose Marie Anderson quizzes Edward Hinds on his vocabulary.

TERMINATORS

"Is this the library?"

"I don't know. Stop the car and I'll go ask that lady."

Does this conversation sound familiar? Most academic juniors would say yes. The quest to find the library is most often a major problem when Spring begins for a junior. It is this time that they begin work on their research papers.

Most juniors frown at the thought of research papers. Marty Forrest and Michelle Norsworthy said, "Term paper? What term paper? It was our Sunday recess!" Being the more studious type, John Morris stated, "They are a difficult but necessary part of high school curriculum." Other juniors also commented on research papers. Marty Gatewood said, "It wasn't an easy job, but I'm sure it'll pay off when I go to college." Most students didn't like writing the paper, but they agreed on the fact that they would help when they went to

college.

Unlike students, teachers are very positive about research papers. "Students don't see how valuable they really are," said Mrs. Dott VanDervort, "until they are out of high school. I can't count the number of

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— Marty Gatewood —

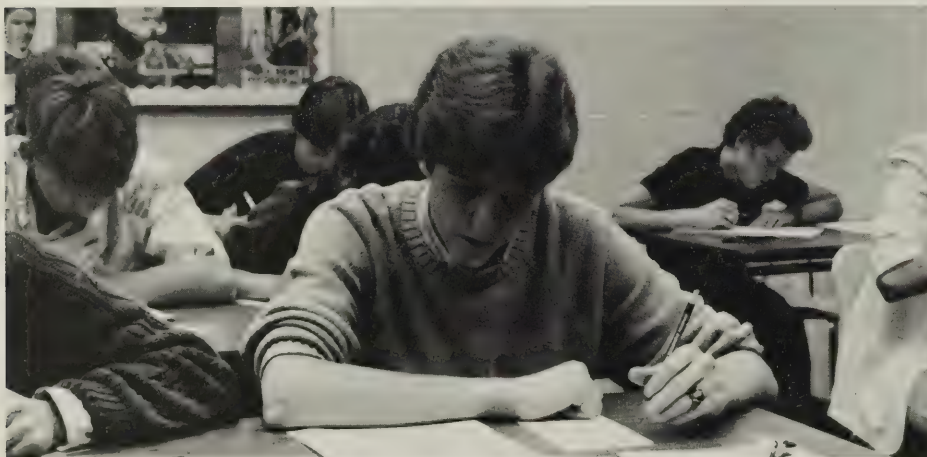
students who have come back after having graduated a few years and thank me." Even teachers who do not assign research papers think that they are of vital importance in education.

"They really help to synthesize your

thoughts about something and put it all together. You learn more about a topic when you have to write about it," said Ms. Helen Small.

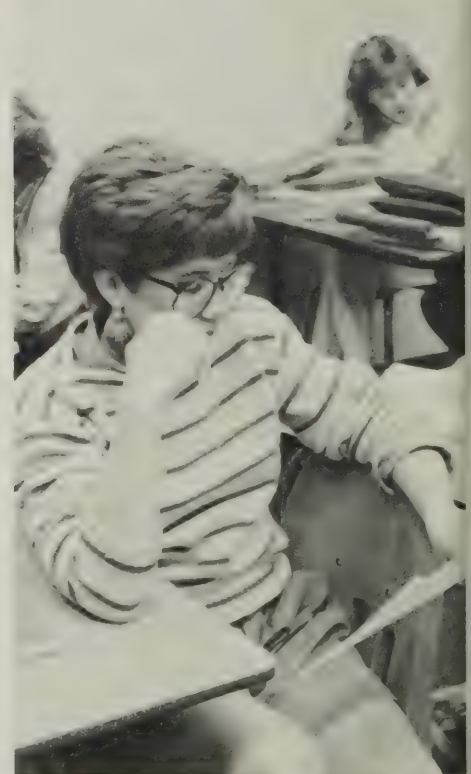
Whether students or teachers like them or not, doesn't matter. According to Virginia State guidelines for education, all academic high school students must write a research paper. Here, all academic English juniors write a 1500-2000-word paper. Seniors in academic English classes write a much shorter paper; it only has to be three to five pages.

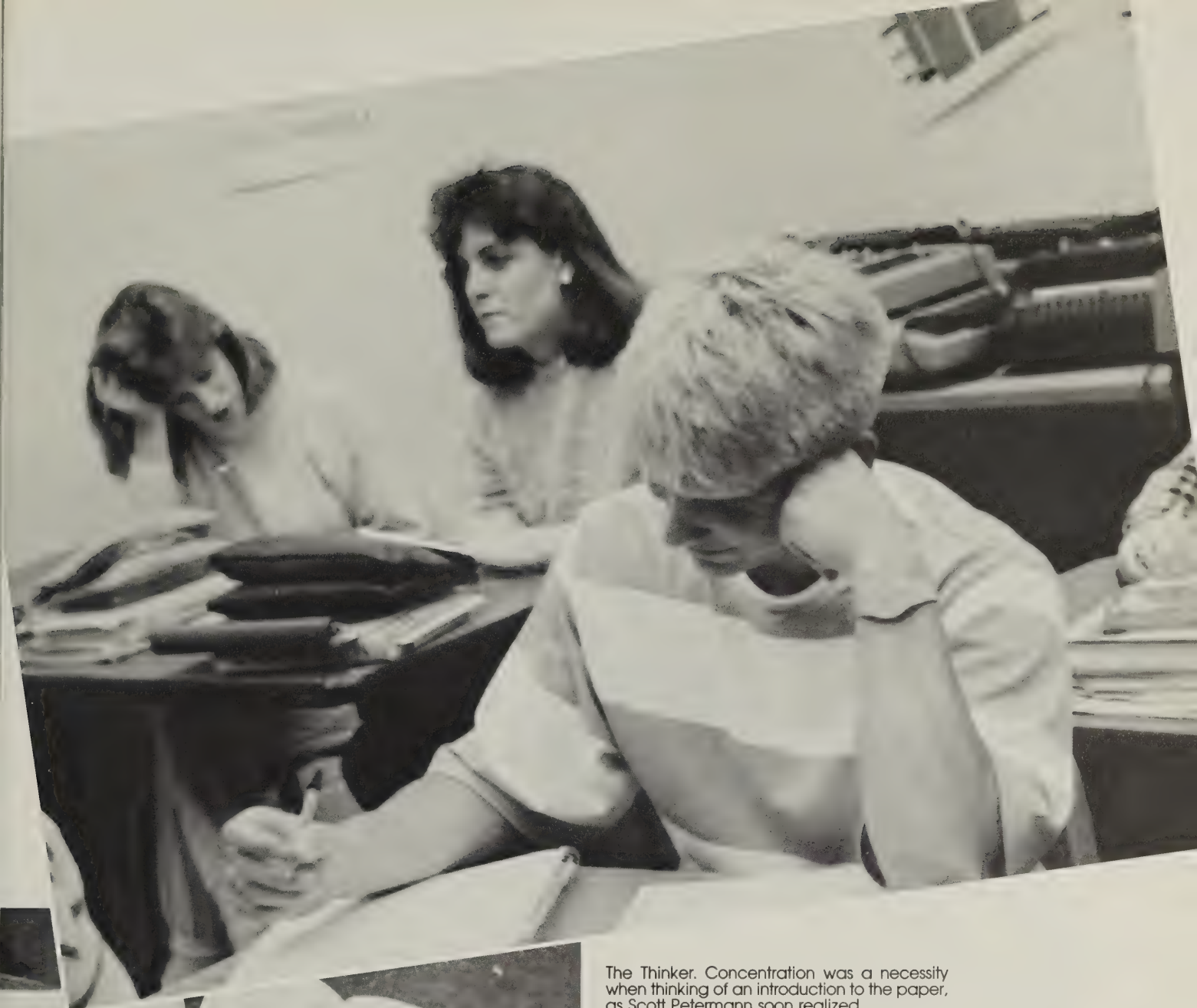
Some other classes write research papers. Higher courses in science, such as advanced biology/chemistry and physics, write one, as well as AP history. So an advanced student can count on writing at least one research paper by the end of his junior year, possibly more.



Before getting into the writing process, Tim Pinner took notes to enhance his knowledge of research papers.

With one last check, Jill Deaton prepared to turn in her outline. Deadlines were set for each part of the research paper to be proofed before the final copy was due.





The Thinker. Concentration was a necessity when thinking of an introduction to the paper, as Scott Petermann soon realized.

A common sight before the rough draft was due was scattered notes, open books, sharpened pencils, and always the student's favorite snack.



Confused by Cassie Ward's explanation, Lisa Hedin looks disappointedly at the steering wheel.

Trying to convince Georgette Cross of his driving abilities, Earl Woodruff invites her for a spin around town.



ON THE ROAD

ay, now look both ways before you cross the intersection. You could get hurt. Watch out for that car!"

Does this quote sound like a student's parents? It may, but in reality, it is the driving instructor trying to teach students how to drive. Driving for the first time can be the most exciting or scariest experience a person can have.

Some first driving experiences have not been forgotten. Kim Watkins had to stop quickly so she pressed the

clutch and the car swerved all over the road. Then she remembered she was driving an automatic and had slammed on the brakes! Charles Woodruff remembered his experience: "I was driving with my dad into the church parking lot. My youth minister was goofing around on the steps so I decided to pretend to hit him. Unfortunately, the brake only worked as fast as my foot did, and I went part way up the steps. That's the first time I ever heard my dad swear."

Most students take their driver's education class in the tenth grade. They must first sit in a classroom and learn all the rules of the road. They then go out to drive on the streets of Poquoson until they venture out to Hampton and its service roads.

Although these kinds of incidents happen, the driver education students must come out of the class with passing grades, both in the classroom and on the road, to obtain their license.



Starting the car, Scott Laske looks in the rearview mirror, eager to begin his driving for the day.

THINK TANK

"We look sharper than they do," says one of the mothers while we wait in a dark room.

"Teams, coaches, and alternates please follow me," invites a voice from the corridor, and the procession heads toward the studio. Both teams wish each other good luck. "It's a shame that we're going to beat you all so badly," they think to themselves.

The studio is small with little chairs. Mr. Tom Fay, the coach, gives last minute instructions to the team. "And this time remember you are a senior, not a junior," he tells Jeep Wedding. To the left of Jeep, John Leach seems more relaxed. The other two, Steve Kostoff and Laurel Wissinger, look paler than usual.

Slowly, the crowd begins to fill the

room, and a technician directs the audience to applaud when told to do so. The MC tries to calm both teams with his smile. At last, the music sounds and the camera begin to roll. "Cut! Cut! I need to comb my hair once again." The MC reappears, surrounded by a cloud of hairspray. "Cameras — action!"

The music sounds again and the two teams appear on the screen. "This is it. No more mistakes." Question after question, the name "Poquoson" is heard again and again through the microphone.

The team competed against Portsmouth Catholic, Smithfield, Warwick, Green Run, and Maury. "We began really slowly, but we got better when the moment arose," ex-

plained Steve Kostoff.

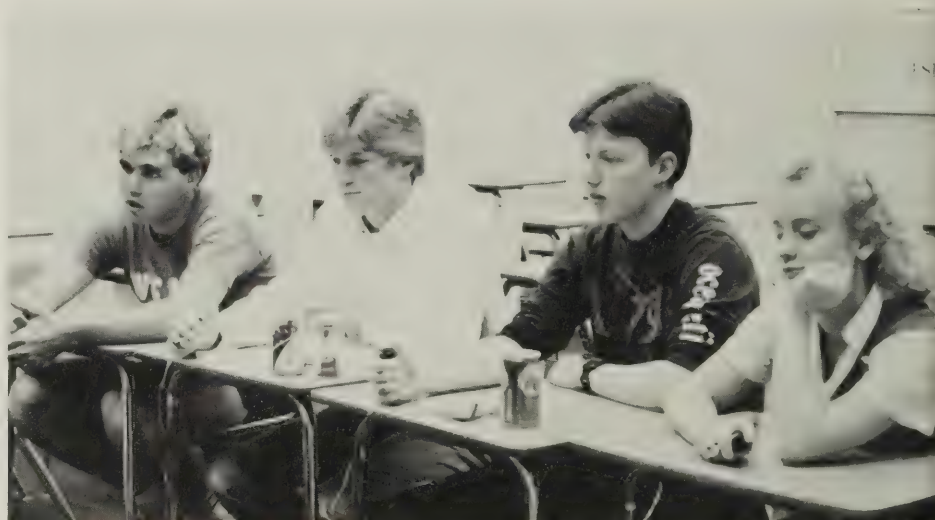
"Our toughest game was against Warwick," remembers John Leach. "We still won, though, 545 to 445."

The alternates for the team were Scott Regan, Shana Bernache, Larry Henesey, Tony DiPippa, Lenny Discenza, Paula Hopping, Luis Cuesta, and Michael Leatherman. Lenny Discenzi still remembers the biggest point difference; "Green Run was leading until the second half. The final score was 560 to 160."

Luis Cuesta said that "there is no doubt in my mind that after such a successful year for the Tidewater Challenge team, our name will be remembered for a long time in those old studios in Norfolk."



Sitting in the audience, Lenny Discenza, Michael Leatherman, Phaedra Moran, Larry Henesey, Paula Hopping, Kathy Mahler, and Tony DiPippa enjoy another winning game for the Tidewater Challenge team.



The team practices hard to achieve victory. Jeep Wedding, John Leach, Steve Kostoff, and Laurel Wissinger practiced in Mr. Tom Fay's class. To make it really competitive, the team used a little trophy for the best player of the day.

In the middle of the program, Mr. Tom Fay stands next to the team as the alternates Paula Hopping, Lenny Discenza, Larry Henesey, and Mike Leatherman are introduced. Laurel, Jeep, John, and Steve enjoyed a short break.





Trying to find the end of the line, John Leach picks up an amazingly long french fry.

Ready for another school lunch, Mrs. Ramona Diggs serves Dani Huggett, Jeff Duncan, George Woodhouse, Janie Leake, and Robert Tinsley a nutritional meal while they wait in line.



Laying It On The

LINE

"Hey! Get back to the end of the line. We were here first! You'll just have to wait for your lunch."

"I can't stand this! I wait in line for the longest time to get out of this traffic."

"Keep practicing those lines. We only have two weeks until opening night."

"Three days until deadline!"

Have you ever stopped to think that although all these situations are different, they have a common bond? Tying a traffic jam and a deadline together seems unlikely, so

how do they all fit in? By their lines, of course.

All different types of lines are present in the school. We see them during lunch, running to the busses, drawing for art class, leaving for a fire drill, or waiting for the water fountain.

How many times have you stood in line waiting to get your class rings, caps and gowns, or the bathroom? Lines are a part of school and its classes. No matter what class you take or what situation you are in, lines will be present in all you do.



Giving candy to the children was Key Club elf Burna Nelsen's job at the Christmas tree lighting ceremony.

The Can-Can routine is always a favorite at the Homecoming pep rally. Majorette Angela Jones showed her homecoming enthusiasm.



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magine this ... "I was a member, your grandfather was a member, and you'll be a member too!"

"But Dad, that's a club for sissies."

"That doesn't matter. It'll help you become a better person, no matter if most people think it's a club for sissies."

"But DDDaaaaadddddddddddddd ..."

"Son, I'm getting mad at you. You know how I hate to raise my voice, but if you keep up this useless arguing, I'll be forced to reprimand you."

"Honey, you know this isn't the proper way to handle the children. It disrupts their social growth."

"I'm only thinking of what's best for the boy."

"Well, maybe you're right. Honey, I'm sure you'll really enjoy it once you get started, and you'll meet lots of other boys and girls."

"Mother, I'm fifteen years old! I'm not a baby and I don't need you or Pops to tell me how to ruin my life!"

"Don't be flippant with us, young man!"

"Dad, I don't want to be a member of the National Environmental Regulators of Dandelions. I don't want to be a NERD! All they ever do is walk around the neighborhood counting the number of dandelions in everyone's yard. Give me a break!"

"But son, a member of our family has always been a NERD."

"Dear, your father and I just want you to become involved with your friends in a socially-conducive environment."

"Mother, I am involved in every club in school possible. Do you ever stop and wonder why I don't come home at 2:00 p.m.? School doesn't end at 7:00 at night! Dad, Mom, I'm a Thespian, in SCA, Key Club, Debate, Forensics, NHS; you name it, I'm in it! I love all the things I'm involved in at school, but I just don't want to be a NERD!"

"Honey, you know what? Maybe he's right."

"What are you talking about, we met in that club."

"But dear, that's what I mean."



Act Two of the spring musical, **The Boyfriend**, begins with the dance routine to "Sur La Plage." Theresa Holloway and Earl Woodruff performed the dance on opening night.



Preparing copy for the ads section of the yearbook kept Jo Anne Bolden and David Ankeney busy all year.

Leadership Who's The Boss?

FBLA will meet at 2:15 today in the forum . . . SCA will meet at 2:05 in Mr. Nelson's room . . . All NHS members need to stop by Miss Small's room for a few minutes today after school! @#\\$!*@ How am I going to do all of this? What am I going to do? On any given day, some students are faced with the same dilemma. Which club meeting should I go to?

Stella Thompson is one of these students. Along with her avid piano playing, she is actively involved in Thespians, Key Club, National Honor Society, SCA, Forensics, Inter-Club Council, FBLA, and Varsity Club. Her duties do not only include just being an active member, for she is president of Thespians and treasurer of the National Honor Society. Besides all the clubs that she is involved in, she is in Peer Partners. Stella says that, "It is very hard to manage my time, but I have

found it to be a learning experience." She also states, "My organization will help me in college."

The second student is Laurel Wissinger. Laurel is a member of Key Club, SCA, Inter-club Council, Varsity Club, FBLA, Forensics, Thespian Apprentices, and Newspaper, as editor-in-chief. Not only does she work for these clubs, she cheers on the Varsity cheerleading squad and is a member of the Tidewater Challenge team. When asked how she

manages her time, she replied, "Sometimes it gets kind of rough, but it's just a matter of priorities. I guess you just learn what's the most important to you."

Although there are so many activities, clubs, etc., everyone usually finds the time to fit everything in.

As she rides in the Homecoming parade, VICA president, Candy Cain, talks with the people in her car.



SCA FRESHMEN — (F-B) R. Henesey, V. Gallerani, B. Heitzig, J. Shackelford, M. Olson, M. Finch, L. Milton, S. Campbell, A. Claussen, D. Trombetta.

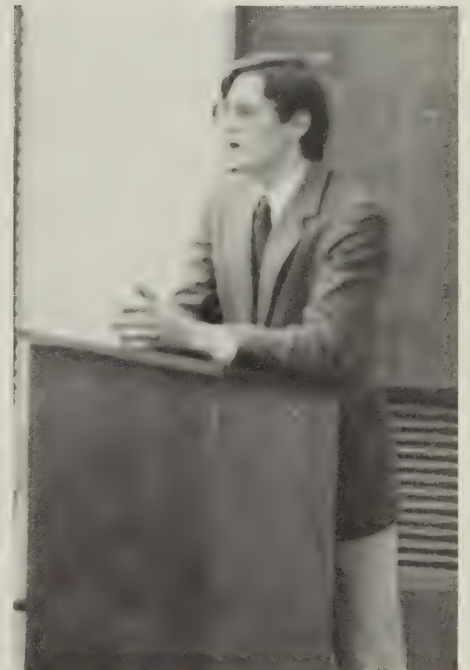


SCA SOPHOMORES — (F-B) C. Evans, J. Holland, B. McEwen, B. Howard, S. Overbay, L. Shelton, C. Martino, J. Ambrose, T. Miller, A. Hawkes, C. Walker, S. Gardner, A. Carmines (Sec.), T. Heitzig.



At the Homecoming pep rally, Morris Hudson displays his talents on the guitar.

At all Thespian initiation banquets, each new Thespian must state why he wishes to be a Thespian. Gregg Discenza expressed his thoughts at the fall banquet.



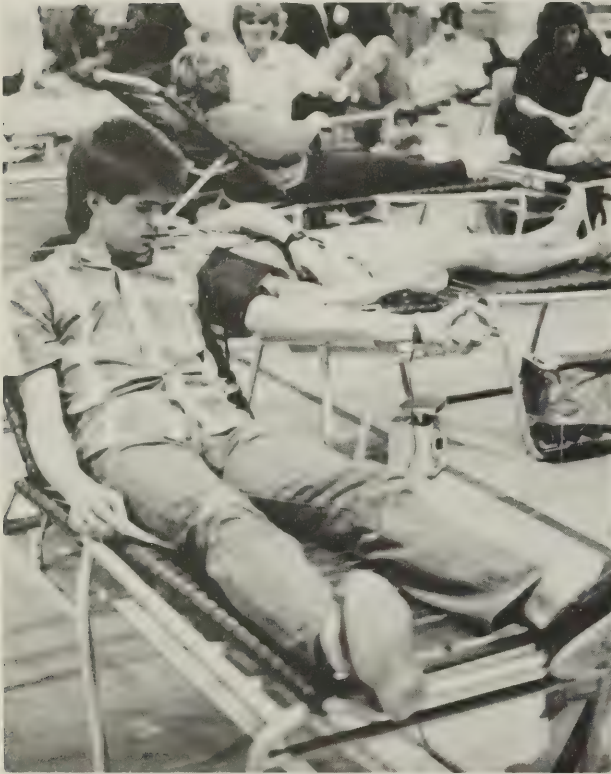
SCA JUNIORS — (F-B) D. Ward, N. Seligman, C. Bradberry, A. Hankins, I. Davis, M. Vaughn, D. Phillips (Treas.), L. Little, K. Heard, P. Hopping, B. Compton, L. Wissinger, M. Forrest, S. Lippincott, L. Kain.



SCA SENIORS — (F-B) M. Musiol, B. Flanner, C. Tiffany, B. Bartram (Pres.), E. Duty, D. Taylor, B. Nelsen, T. Sloate, B. Bunting, N. Whitlow, K. Mahler, T. Smith, S. Roberts, S. Miskell, S. Cawley, C. Phillips, P. Weis, S. Emrick, K. Hedin, V. Madre.

At the SCA Christmas dance, Jeep Wedding surprises his girlfriend, Sally Davenport, with a graceful dip.

Giving blood at the Key Club Blood Drive can be a frightening experience. C.B. Coleman wondered if he had made the right choice as he prepared to donate his blood.



INTER-CLUB COUNCIL — (F-B) C. Ward (Pres.), B. Nelsen, T. Sloate, L. Wissinger, B. Bunting, K. Mahler, S. Emrick, K. Heard, S. Miskell, A. Carmine, S. Roberts, K. Hedin, P. Hopping, V. Madre, V. Brown, S. Ferguson, R. Henesey, B. Bartram, C. Tiffany, J. Morris, D. Ward, L. Little, B. Flanner, S. Cawley.



NHS — (F-B) T. Sloate, K. Phipps, L. Little, S. Davenport, N. Thompson, S. Thompson (Treas.), P. Moran, P. Danforth, K. Mahler (Sec.), C. Phillips, L. Trantham, A. DiPippa, J. Klassa, R. Heffernan, J. Wedding, I. Davis, B. Jewett, C. Nadeau, J. McCuiston, S. Kostoff, S. Petermann, J. Johnson, H. Small (Sponsor), D. Rogers, P. Yourey, D. Buckingham, A. Coleman, A. Williams, B. Nelsen, M. Musiol (VP), S. Regan (Pres.), D. Rensing, T. Newman.

How Do They Manage?

With some clubs, it seems like the list of members could go on forever. Clubs involve a large portion of the student body. For each of these clubs, a teacher sponsor is assigned, but other leaders are necessary to take charge of each organization. That's where the club officers come

in. Their jobs are basically to run or oversee each meeting held by the clubs.

Organizations like the Key Club sponsor many schoolwide events. Mrs. Ann Semeyn is the teacher sponsor. To help with leadership of this club, four officers were elected.

Secretary Kathy Mahler said that it's her job to take roll, take down the minutes, and help collect dues. She must have all this done at each meeting. The other Key Club officers have similar responsibilities. They all have to insure the smooth running of each gathering of the group.

SCA meetings were called to order every other Wednesday by President Brian Bartram. Brian's job was to discuss school problems with all the SCA members as a group. He also had to call for votes on these issues so that decisions could be reached.

The National Honor Society had to organize everything that involved homecoming: the dance, the floats, the week before, everything. During football season, President Scott Regan appointed a chairperson to each committee that was formed to organize the many details of Homecoming.

Even though a faculty member may add to the success of a particular club, officers are still needed to do the work. They prove themselves to be assets to their teacher sponsor at each club meeting.



"Down the Road, Deck The Hall" is harmoniously sung by the Waterfront Jazz/Show Choir during the Christmas concert.



KEY CLUB SENIORS — (F-B) S. Roberts (VP), T. Smith, S. Davenport, N. Thompson, S. Thompson, P. Moran, K. Mahler, C. Phillips, S. Cawley, C. Ward, K. Williams, B. Nelsen (Pres.), T. Sperling, B. Bartram, J. Leach, C. Grube, K. Wimmer, T. Sloate, H. Moore, V. Madre, D. Taylor, K. LeVan, D. Brodsky, T. Rew, E. Duty (Sec.), J. Wedding, M. Musiol (Treas.), K. Earley, C. Graham, E. Bretana, S. Regan.

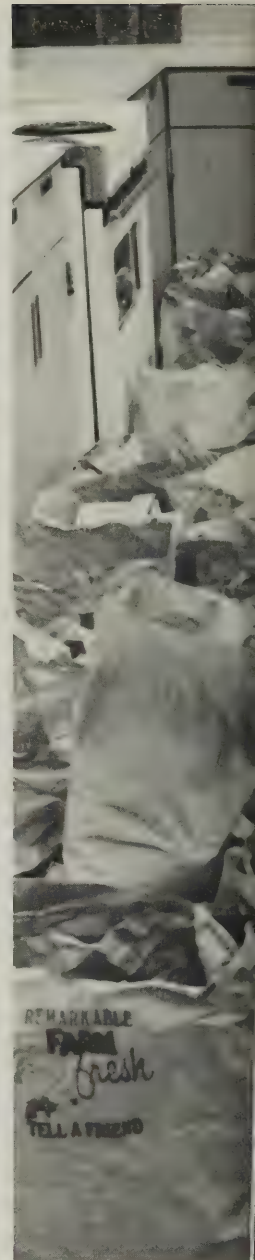


KEY CLUB UNDERCLASSMEN — (F-B) K. Shields, C. Bradberry, A. Carmines, M. Forrest, D. Ward, S. Olson, N. Seligman, J. Deaton, K. Chaney, L. Wissinger, B. Compton, L. Campione, A. Coleman, B. Howard, B. Ward, C. Evans, J. Johnson, C. Duncan, C. Nadeau, J. Morris, D. Andeney, M. Vaughn.

Extra practice is always necessary for the success of the plays. Chip Tiffany, Angela Douglas, and Gregg Discenza rehearsed their lines for **The Mouse That Roared** one more time.



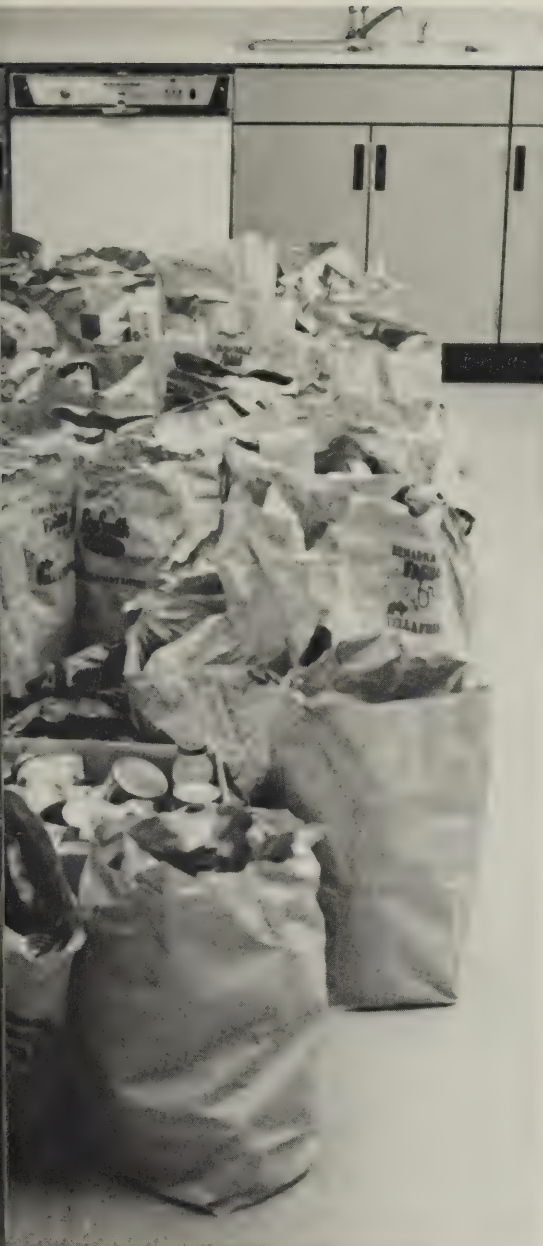
Newspaper layouts take careful preparation. Phaedra Moran and Charles Mayfield worked on a section for the December issue.



VARSITY CLUB SENIOR BOYS — (F-B) T. Vest, D. Price, R. Insley, S. Brown, S. Wiggins, M. Brown, E. Duty, T. Rew, R. Hill, C. Grube, C. Phipps, C. Coleman, K. Wimmer, J. McCuiston, C. Graham, M. Musiol, S. Hahn, C. Tookey, M. Williams, J. Leach, J. Wedding, M. McCabe.



VARSITY CLUB SENIOR GIRLS — (F-B) T. Smith, A. Forrest, G. White, S. Ferguson, A. Phelps, P. Moran, P. Danforth, S. Roberts, W. Winters, S. Miskell, E. Bookwalter, H. Moore, V. Brown, K. Mikulas, A. Firth, N. Whitlow, C. Phillips, B. Nelsen.



More Prestige

Does the SCA Have It?

The Student Council Association is perhaps the single largest club in all of Posquoson High. The SCA has 9 representatives from each grade. It has 4 officers, and each president and vice-president of each class is included in its membership. Elections are held at the end of each school year to choose the 9 representatives and the officers of the SCA. These are

always necessary in order to limit the members in each grade to nine. Many students petition others each spring so that they may be in these elections. Sometimes even run-off elections are necessary.

So why do all these people wish to be members of the Student Council? Although it does look good on a student's record, some join to help put in bettering our school. The SCA holds meetings every other Wednesday to hear new ways for them to do this. They listen to students from around the school and then the members represent these other students at the meetings. They use their ideas and suggestions as input into the SCA discussions.

The SCA makes decisions that affect the entire school. Representatives must be responsible and willing to put time and effort into the job. By being elected, the members of their class are saying that they are recognized as true leaders.



The canned food drive is one of the many charitable activities of the clubs.

Key Club Christmas elf Tyna Sloate hands a candy cane to Summer Stockmann at the Christmas tree lighting at the Municipal Park.



VARSITY CLUB UNDERCLASSMEN BOYS — (F-B) B. Ward, C. Nadeau, I. Davis, S. Pefermann, C. Duncan, E. Davis, J. Martin, B. Collins, B. Christopher, A. Hankins, M. Vaughn, T. Bastian, S. Campbell, T. Hale, B. Howard, M. Irving, J. Morris, D. Smith, J. Hicks, B. Matheson.



VARSITY CLUB UNDERCLASSMEN GIRLS — (F-B) S. Olson, D. Rogers, P. Booker, P. Hopping, L. Little, A. Ferguson, J. Deaton, N. Lawson, A. Metcalf, K. Mayo, T. Baugh, B. Wright, L. Kain, C. Martino, T. Heitzig, L. Wissinger, P. Yourey, E. Tinsley, C. Dyer, L. Shelton, J. Ambrose, J. Boyer, K. Anderson, K. Tookey, C. Bradberry, N. Seligman, T. Hickmott, E. Brown, A. Hammersley, A. Freeman, M. Moore, S. Lippincott, D. Herbener.

Club Interests

Why Be Involved?

SCA, DECA, Thespians, FBLA; these are a few of the many clubs here at PHS. Throughout the year these clubs have raised money and contributed their time, all for our high school. Behind each club, there are the students who make the clubs what they are. These students have either run for a position in a club or they

have been selected and willing to join a club. There are many reasons for joining and being a part of these organizations. Although being active in extra-curricular activities is good for a college background, some students expressed other reasons for their interests. Ted Smith, a member of the Model U.N., said he was "... interested in how the real U.N. worked and would have a chance to meet new people." Diane Taylor, a member of the SCA, said she joined "... to have a say in what goes on with the students and what goes on around the school." Bernie Compton said, "The reason I wanted to be in the Key Club is because I want to take part in school activities and help in the community." There are actually many reasons for joining all of the clubs here at PHS. Every member has his or her own ideas and interests. It is what keeps the clubs and students so active.



Portraying the dramatic role of Tulley in **The Mouse That Roared**, Charles Woodruff looks to the wings for his cue during dress rehearsal.

Long hours of practice pay off as Sinnamon McPherson and Kimmy Ruehl prepare for the start of their routine.



THESPIANS — (F-B) C. Evans (Treas.), K. Dougherty (Clerk), A. Douglas (Make-Up), B. Bartram, G. Discenza, K. Apelt, C. Woodruff (VP), D. Katz, H. Moore, T. Sloate, L. Quinlan (Sponsor), C. Tiffany (Costumes), S. Laske, B. Matheson, L. Bergamasco, N. Thompson, P. Moran (Sec.), K. Bocklet, S. Thompson (Pres.).



APPRENTICES — (F-B) K. Hudgins, B. Bunting, A. Phelps, L. Wissinger, K. Heard, L. Little, L. Lucas, W. Abernathy, S. Alexander, C. Foster, H. Beavers, C. Watts, K. Chaney, K. Crack, L. Campione, A. VanDeventer, A. Morgan, A. Coleman, A. Hudgins, A. Davenport, E. Woodruff, S. Fay, B. Wilson, D. Schlosser, S. Bernache.



"Yearbook class is not all work," said Laura Trantham as she cut out pom pom girls for the senior Homecoming hall.

FBLA members enjoy the ride during the Homecoming parade.



FORENSICS — (F-B) A. Davenport, D. Katz, Y. Freeman, A. Stoakley, A. DiPippa, S. Kostoff, H. Pierce, C. Phillips, G. Discenza, C. Evans, B. Wells, S. Gardner, S. Thompson, R. Jordan, T. Edwards, P. Hopping, S. Petermann, S. Fay, L. Wissinger, C. Tiffany, S. Laske, C. Woodruff, K. Hudgins, P. Moran.



DEBATE — (F-B) H. Small (Sponsor), M. Regan, P. Hopping, L. Little, A. DiPippa, S. Kostoff, E. Hinds, M. Saulman, A. Watkins, B. Wells, P. DiPippa, S. Bernache, S. Murray, G. Discenza, D. Hux, T. Hale.

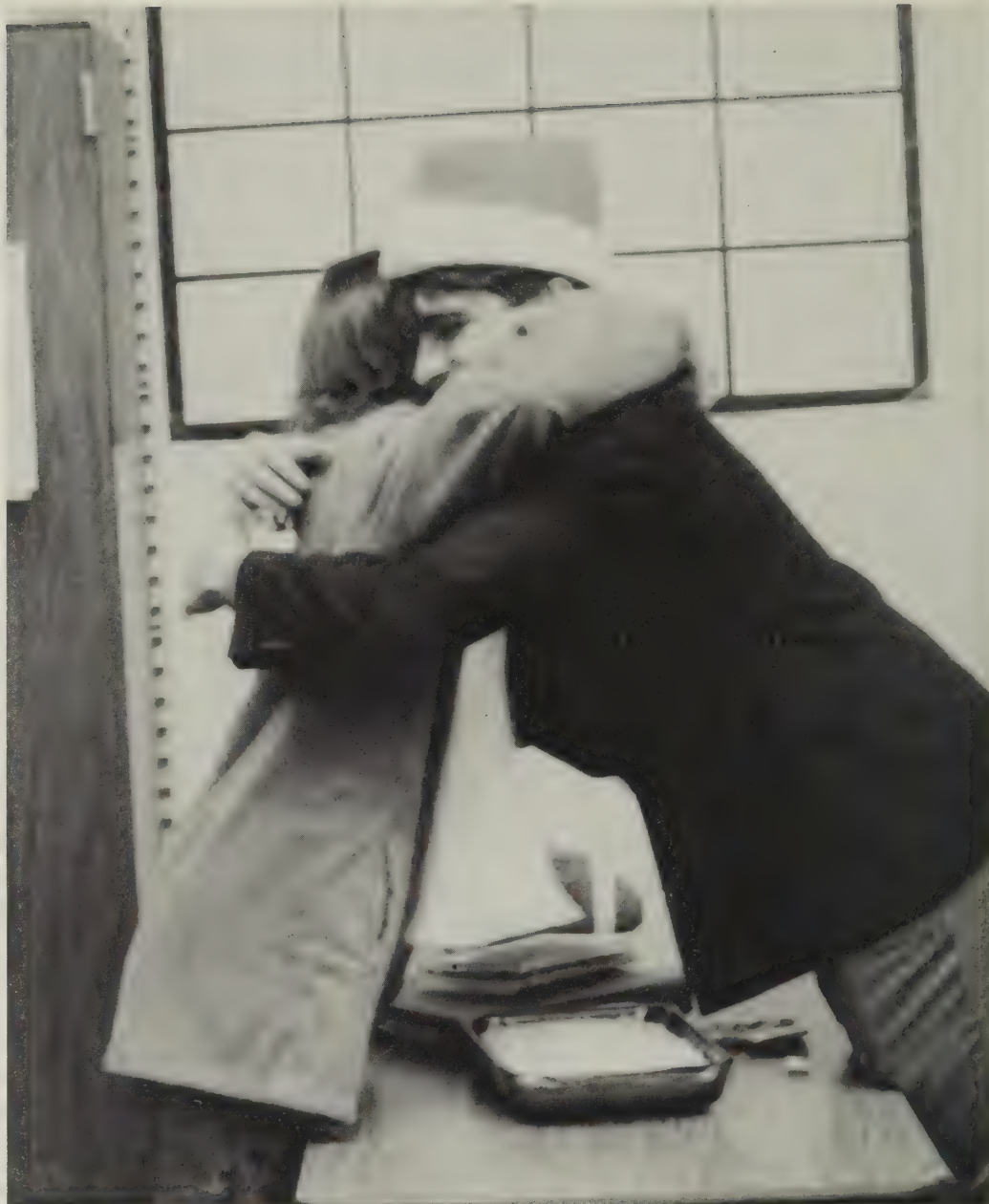


GIRLS' ENSEMBLE — (F-B) K. Parr, J. Lewis, T. Holloway (VP), S. Evans, L. Clark, E. Dryden (Sec.), D. Little (Sponsor), K. Heezan, A. Morgan, C. Kirkpatrick, M. Kowitz, K. Burr, S. Holloway, C. Yarrington, C. Banton (Treas.), D. Huggett, V. Brown (Pres.), M. Trantham, A. Coleman, J. Abrams.



Watching the Band Director Mr. Tim Smith as he directs the band during "Winter Wonderland" at the Christmas Concert, percussionist Shawn Gallup prepares to play her part.

A popular tradition in yearbook class is the celebration of birthdays. On Luis Cuesta's birthday, Susan Roberts presented him with a cake and a hug.



POM POMS — (F-B) T. Sloate (Capt.), V. Madre (Capt.), C. Bradberry, K. Mahler, Y. Freeman, M. Forrest, C. Evans, T. Hickmott, A. Wright, D. Rogers, B. Compton, T. Kennedy, A. Williams, E. Brown, A. Freeman.



MAJORETTES — (F-B) K. Ruehl, S. Cawley (Capt.), K. Simpson, C. Ward, S. Moore, S. McPherson.



FLAGS — (F-B) R. Hanson, B. Wright (Capt.), S. Emrick (Capt.), L. Wood, T. Jones, J. Ramsey, J. Smith, R. Hanson, J. Forrest, K. Anderson, B. Vernon.

C harities

Help The Needy

Have you ever stopped to think about how clubs help others in the community? Various clubs work in community activities, whether by donating money to a charity or distributing food to the needy.

In November the FBLA had a canned food drive. Mr. Mark VanDer-vort's homeroom class won. All the food collected was given to the Social Services in Yorktown and distributed to needy families.

Many clubs spread their Christmas spirit with various activities. The Key Club, along with the Kiwanis Club, sponsored a needy family. They bought them a Christmas dinner and gave them some sweaters. The National Honor Society collected money. Some of this money was given to a church to give to a needy family and other money was given to the Marines for Toys for Tots. In keeping with the traditional Christmas joy, SCA sponsored a food drive. All that was collected was given to Social Services. Mrs. Janet Knight's homeroom collected the most cans.

Over 100 pints of blood were given on March 10 at the Key Club Blood Drive. Senior Tara Smith was one of many who helped out.

One of the unique things that clubs do is donate money to charities. The FBLA gave almost \$100 to Project Ask. This project is designed to help the study of childhood cancer. SCA placed Easter Seals cans in each homeroom. All money collected was given to Easter Seals. Mrs. Brenda Winstead's homeroom collected the most money. Her class also collected money from other clubs and donated it to the Heart Fund.

Clubs also help children. FHA helped at Childfest, which was a place where kids went to different booths to do various things. At Christmas time, girls in the Key Club dressed up as elves and passed out candy to the little children. Also, many children at the hospital were visited by the FBLA and the Key Club. The FBLA brought candy while the Key Club took them coloring books.

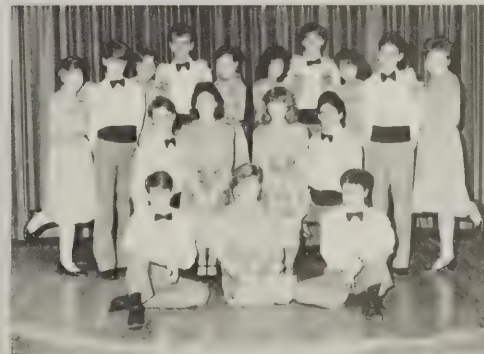
Clubs at Poquoson High do not always get any credit for the charity work they do, but the members always have the satisfaction of helping the less fortunate.



COLOR GUARD — (F-B) M. Hautz, G. Cross, S. Wheless (Capt.), H. Wortham, L. Riggins, M. Saulman, M. Binford, D. Britton.



JAZZ BAND — (F-B) E. Cunningham, S. Binkley, K. Binkley, E. Grube, M. Shuster, B. Borders, M. Hudson, S. Gallup, E. Bookwalter, K. Moore, L. Ferguson, J. Darby, E. Woodruff, C. Woodruff, A. Howard, S. Fertitta, J. Klassa, A. Sanders, M. Bell, R. Hogge, L. Topping, C. Conrad, W. Abernathy, M. Regan, T. Bastian, D. Leatherman, S. Alexander, B. Bartram, D. Sammons, D. Southall, J. Heyman, M. Stewart, G. McCardle, S. Kingsmore, E. Beach.



WATERFRONT JAZZ/SHOW CHOIR — (F-B) L. Discenza, A. Phelps, C. Woodruff (VP), B. Matheson, A. Wright, K. Heard (Pres.), M. Hudson, M. Abajian, M. Phelps, B. Vernon, C. Tiffany (Treas.), J. Darby, B. Moore, K. Bocklet, A. Douglas (Sec.), S. Laske, J. Walker.

Why Take Time?

Extra hours, extra hassle, and more paperwork — why do teachers put themselves through such torture? Why do they subject themselves to the wrath of club sponsorship?

Ms. Christine Lepi said, "I was always involved with the Student Government at the other schools where I taught so when I came to Poquoson I wanted to continue to be involved with the SCA."

Mrs. Peggy Garner said, "SCA

gave me a chance to work with students on a level that is not academic."

Mrs. Dott VanDervort said, "I wanted to do something good for Poquoson High School." She said, "I was always involved with sponsoring extracurricular activities so I wanted to stay included." She also said that yearbook lent itself to her field of English.

Helping kids build leadership qualities along with other important qualities help teachers to endure through the good times as well as the bad involved with sponsoring a club.

As the yearbook deadline approaches, Marty Gatewood, Burma Nelsen, and Kathy Mahler rush to complete their copy in time.



VICA — (F-B) S. Kenny, L. Barefoot, K. Gibson, W. McPhail, S. Coleman, C. Ramsey, S. Wheless (Treas.), M. Graham, C. Cain (Pres.), L. Pawluk, M. Alpine, B. Nicosia, D. Owen (Sec.), K. Lowe, B. Joyner, T. Ferguson (VP), D. Emrick, J. Gaus, R. Turner, B. Hawkes, D. Smith, L. Puckett, B. Hogge, B. Miles, M. Winder, R. Firth, J. Griffith, M. Ketterman, T. King, R. Hounshell, C. Forrest, P. Lillis, B. Diggs, B. Evans, K. West (Rep.), R. Watkins, D. Champ, F. Kimsey (Sponsor).

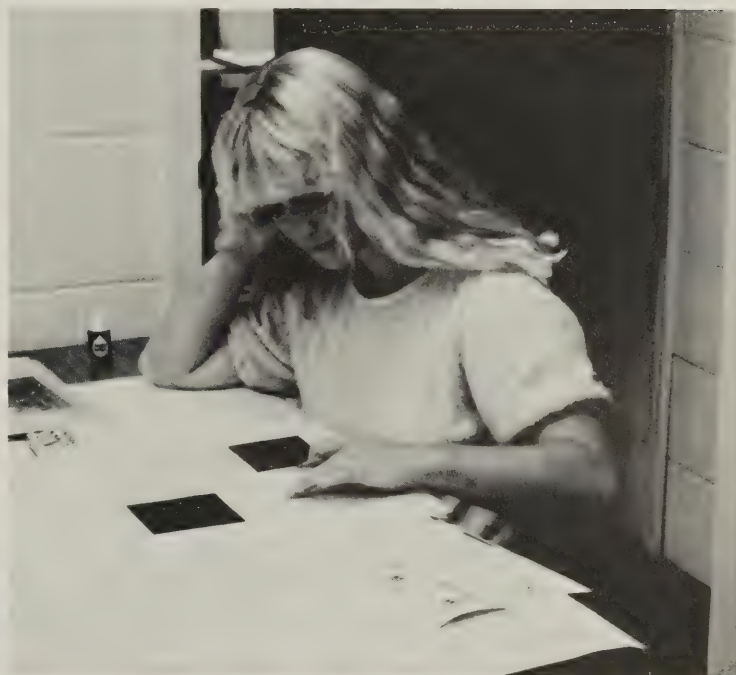


DECA — (F-B) A. Dryden, S. Cole, N. Thomas (Parl.), B. Rackley, M. Church, N. Griffith, L. Owen, M. Quinn, V. Moore (Pres.), R. Withrow, B. Withrow, T. Potter (Rep.), R. Gardner (Sponsor), L. Giglio, T. Topping, T. Carter, S. Inge, S. Yetzer (Adm. VP), K. Connor, J. Porter, J. Garrett, D. Lackey, K. Perkins, E. Skora, J. Hamilton, C. Schiess, T. Hickmott, T. Rhour, A. Coleman, F. Binford, G. Alexander, D. Balthis, D. Rhea, P. Brandsey (Exe. VP), L. Rathbone, L. Busse (Sec.), B. Yetzer, G. Ferguson.



Spirit ribbons and cowbells help promote spirit before each of the pep rallies. Becky Neher bought a ribbon before the Homecoming pep rally so she could wear it on her toga.

Designing a layout for the newspaper is a time-consuming task. Kathleen Hezzen contemplated the placement of her candids on final layout.



FBFA — (F-B) J. Dossey, D. Stump, T. Jones, K. Holt, B. Flanner, H. Pierce, K. Deibel, D. Lackey, M. True (Treas.), L. Insley, J. Bolden, S. McPherson, B. Jeannette (VP), K. Hudgins, V. Madre, S. Smith, S. Cawley, T. Lollar, T. Holloway, L. Bradshaw, B. Rollins (Pres.), R. Logsdon, T. Schultz (Sec.), R. Rodal.



FHA — (F-B) M. Smith, R. Hanson, K. Simpson, R. Logsdon, L. Rathbone, J. Deal, S. Miskell, M. Trantham (Treas.), T. Mongold (Pres.), S. Wheless (Sec.), D. Britton (Hist.), G. White, H. Forrest (VP), C. Adams, K. Anderson, L. Owen, T. Schultz, S. Krieger, K. Dougherty, T. Topping, A. Insley.



COE — (F-B) T. Adams, P. Craig, D. Stump, K. Holt, L. Gage, K. Stanley, K. Ordess, S. McPherson, L. Insley, T. Lollar, L. Bradshaw, B. Jeannette, B. Winstead (Sponsor).

Competition

"Gee, I hope we get selected for the yearbook staff!"

"I don't know how good our chances are. Did you know that more than 75 people signed up for the class?"

"You're kidding!! Well, I guess it's all up to our teachers now. I sure hope I get some good teacher recommendations."

"I don't know if my writing skills are strong enough to merit my selection for the staff."

"I don't think I have enough organi-

zational skills to hack it."

"What are you going to take if, perish the thought, you don't get in?"

"I guess I'll take sociology or economics or something. I really won't be happy in any other class."

"I know what you mean. It is really important to me to be part of the staff that preserves the memories for the seniors, as well as the rest of the school."

"I dread the thought of someone calling me over the summer and saying, 'I'm sorry, Miss Jones, but you were not selected for the yearbook staff. You will have to come in and choose some other class that meets sixth hour.'"

"Oh, what a horrible thought!!!"

Each year, over 75 juniors and seniors must suffer through the agony of waiting to hear whether they were selected to be part of the 25 students on the yearbook staff. Being part of the staff is rewarding and also a lot of work. The work is worth it though, when you think of it as preserving that year forever.



Hairstyles are an important factor of a costume. Robin Jordan had her hair braided by Lisa Bergamasco on opening night of **The Mouse That Roared**.

Lunch is the time to buy the current issue of the PHS newspaper. Clint Poole sells Jo Anne Bolden a copy of the Island Echo.



SCIENCE CLUB — (F-B) M. Solga, J. Holland, S. Alexander, S. Ferguson (VP), K. Mahler (Pres.), A. Watkins (Parl.), A. Vandeventer (Sec.), C. Lee, A. Wilson, F. Heezan, L. Campione (Treas.), S. Wilson.



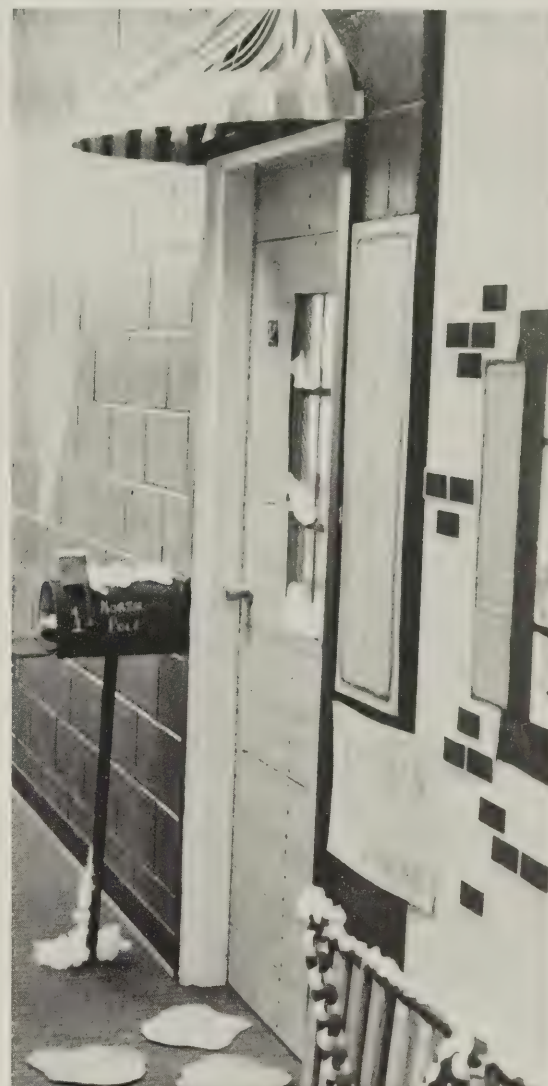
SADD (Executive Board) — (F-B) C. Duncan, C. Tookey (VP), S. Ferguson, C. Martino, B. Campbell, A. Carmines (Pres.), A. Pritchard (Sec.), J. Ambrose (Treas.), K. Tookey.



HEALTH CAREERS — (F-B) R. Henesey, S. Ferguson (VP), J. Holland (Pres.), A. Pritchard, M. Carmines (Treas.), M. Smith (Sec.), R. Verser (Sponsor), L. Baily.



An honorable mention award was presented to Mrs. Marie Sproull's first hour class for their display of Santa's workshop in the door decorating contest, sponsored by the National Honor Society.



NEWSPAPER — (F-B) H. Pierce, K. Deibel, C. Poole, A. Douglas, K. Heezen, K. Dougherty, L. Wissinger, A. Coleman, B. Flanner, B. Howard, C. Mayfield, J. Dossey, D. Bickley, M. VanDervort (Sponsor).

YEARBOOK — (F-B) S. Lippincott, T. Sloate, M. Gatewood, K. Mahler, A. Firth, K. Watkins, A. Phelps, S. Ferguson, S. Roberts, C. Ward (Editor), L. Trantham, K. Hedin, E. Bookwalter, K. Williams, D. VanDervort (Sponsor), M. Musiol, B. Nelsen, T. Smith, D. Ankeney, L. Cuesta, J. McCartney, E. Duty, J. Bolden.

MODEL U.N. — (F-B) T. Dillinger, M. Regan, S. Petermann, A. DiPippa, S. Kostoff, T. Smith, J. Martin, S. Regan, T. Blankenship, J. Leach, J. McCartney, B. Jewett, L. Cuesta, M. Gaines, A. Carmines, G. Wahlstrom, K. Watkins, M. Forrest, K. Phipps, P. Hopping.



The Freshmen class shows its spirit during their first pep rally in high school.

Getting ready for the Homecoming pep rally, Evelyn Brown laced her leg with Isslander colors.



Imagine this ...

Many different species of animals existing in the same jungle yet each going through a different stage of maturity. These species share the same food, learn every day the same old stories of life, and live under the same sky, yet each perceives the stars but in a vastly different way.

The little weak ones lean on the greater experience of the older, more mature species. Everything, each tree and branch and twig is something new and wonderful for them.

The still-little but not so weak ones understand somewhat the general ideas of survival in the jungle, but still are in need of some guidance from the bigger animals. They have learned not to jump at their own shadow. They are comfortable in the jungle and are learning each day to fend for themselves.

The young ones are the up-and-coming leaders of the jungle. Although lacking in experience and wisdom, they no longer depend on the adults and are able to do for themselves.

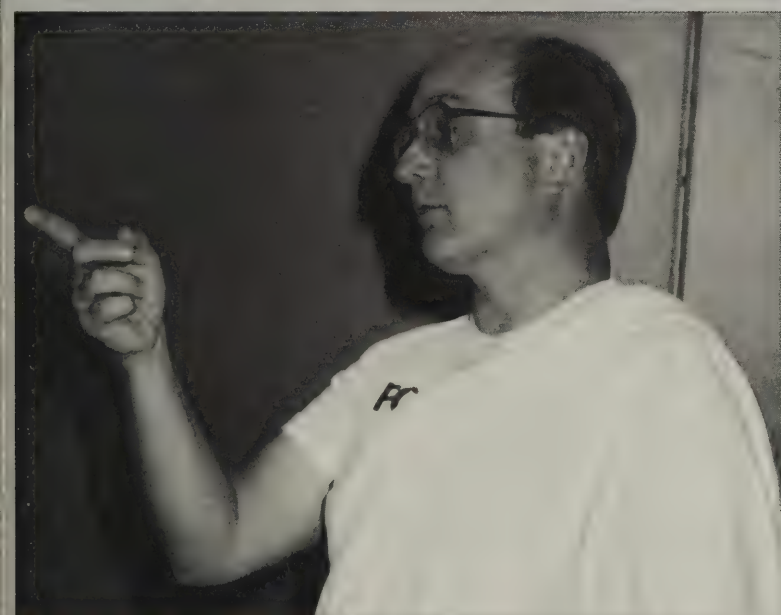
The mature adults are the leaders in the jungle. They are the responsible ones, entrusted with the job of setting a good example for the generations to come.

The ancient ones, who have existed in the jungle for many decades, look over the younger factions with patient understanding. Their knowledge and wisdom which they have passed on to the younger ones has enabled these pups to survive alone.

These different generations, uniquely individual yet a vital part of the whole, exist in the same jungle which resembles the school. The different age groups, which in reality represent the inhabitants of the school, live and learn and become a real part of the history of the school.



On Senior Toga Day, Jeff McCuiston spends his lunch break in intellectual activities while his friend, Rhonda Hanson, seems more concerned about finishing her lunch before the bell rings.



Showing his spirit during Homecoming Week, Mr. Dave Nelson participated in the toga tradition.

A New Beginning

What does it mean to be a senior in 1986? Star Wars, winning a second powder puff football game, college applications, Summit peace talks, wearing togas on Homecoming Friday, the Canterbury Tales, the space shuttle explosion — these are just a few of the thoughts floating through the mind of an average senior.

The class started out with more spirit and enthusiasm than ever before. They came to the first pep rally smiling and chanting "SENIORS, SENIORS,

SENIORS..." They proudly carried the senior banner and other signs made by excited seniors. A final explosion of enthusiasm came at the end of the pep rally when the senior class won the first spirit stick of the year.

When November arrived and along with it Herff Jones, the mood changed. It was time to order caps and gowns. This slap of reality left mixed emotions. The excitement was still there, but it was different. This was not a carefree, happy excitement. It was an anxious, worried kind of excitement. Everyone

seemed to be asking themselves, "Are we really going to be graduating — already?"

After the tension of Science Fair projects, first semester exams, and rushing to complete put-off applications had faded — senioritis (spring fever of

the worst variety) set in. To break the monotony of the typical school week, seniors would do anything. Some seniors pretended it was summer for about 30 minutes every day at the tanning booth. Others went down to Nags Head to be at a real beach and

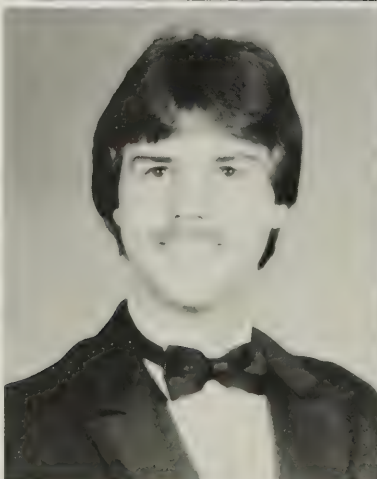


The class officers are secretary, Susan Roberts; president, Burna Nelsen; treasurer, Anje Phelps; and vice-president, Elliott Duty.

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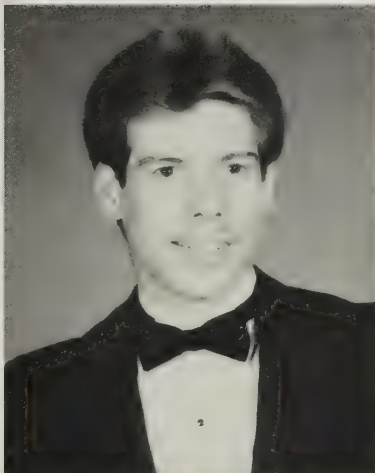


to plan their week of fun and sun to take place after graduation. Most often of all, however, seniors just used any excuse to get out of the house and away from homework so they could go out with friends.

Each senior made his or her own memories that will always remain special throughout life. These memories can be brought back to mind in 1996 at the 10-year reunion or any time the phone rings and it is that old flame from high school, just calling to say hi and do you remember the time we ...



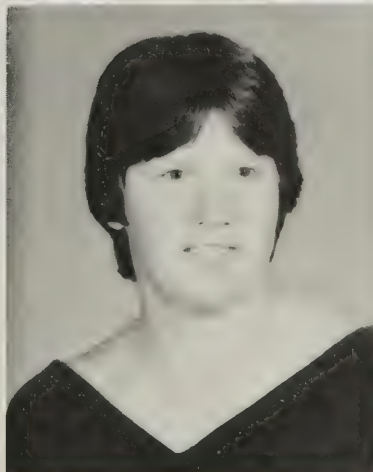
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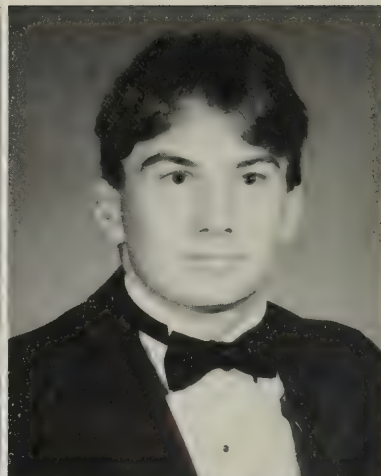


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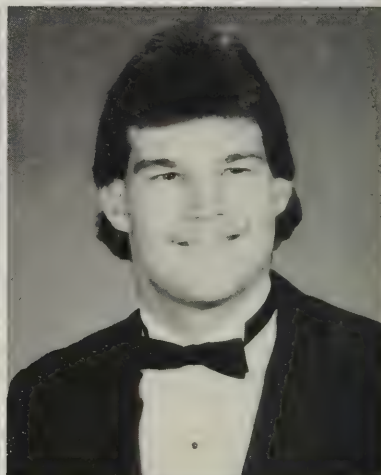
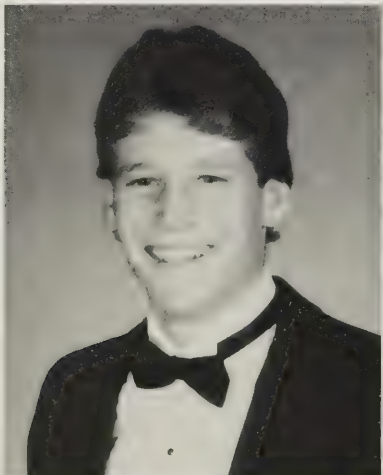
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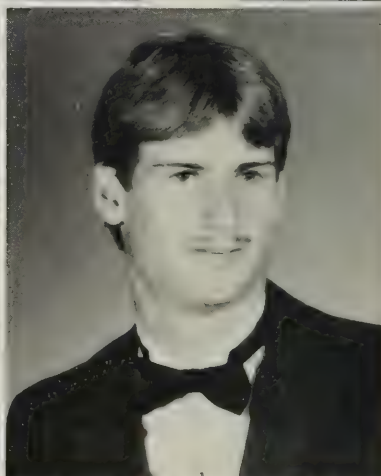
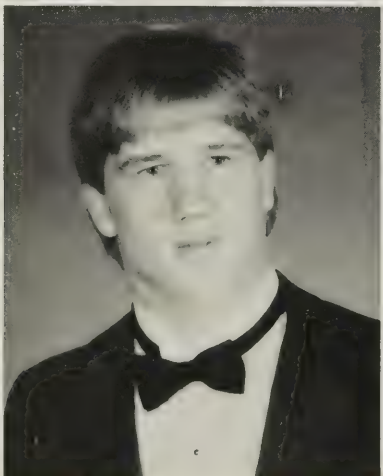
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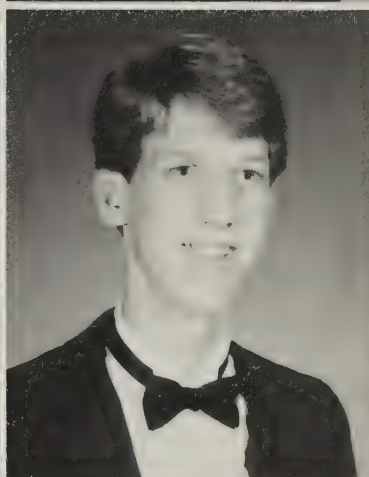


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Where Does All the Money Go?

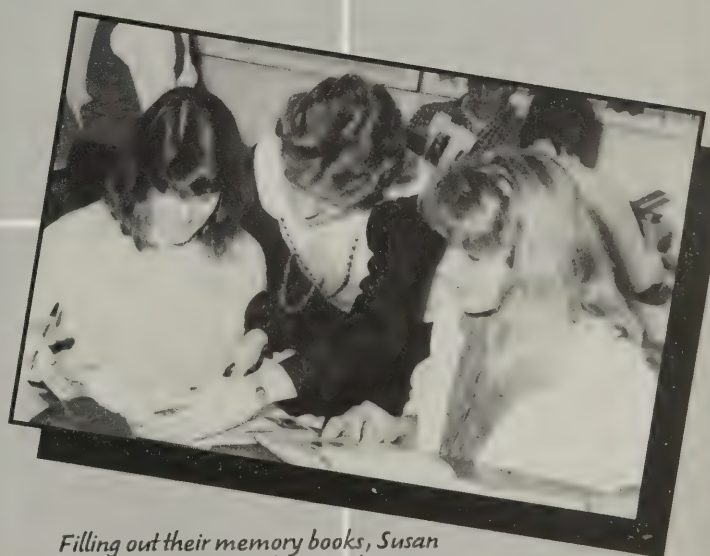
“What do you think we are made of, money or something?” This is a familiar question a senior might hear from his or her parents. The order forms for pictures and announcements seem to scream for money.

The senior pictures were taken during the summer. Through all the excitement they forgot about all the money they had to pay when the time to order these pictures came.

Not long after the picture taking was over, announcements, caps, and gowns became the center of attention or should it be money? Everything on the order form looked good and the seniors had a hard time deciding what not to order.

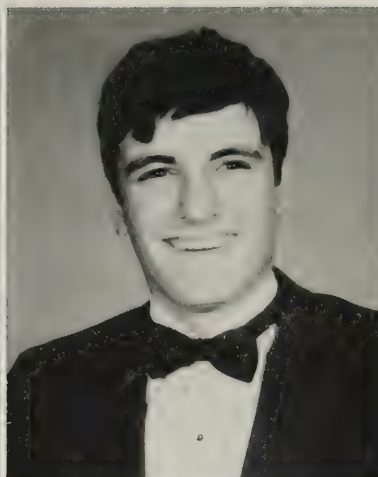
Prom seems to be another money consumer. Around spring the senior girls filled the malls looking for that dress they swore would be an original. The guys had to rent tuxes and pay for the dinners they hoped their dates enjoyed.

Senior pictures, announcements, caps and gowns and prom were only a few of the things seniors paid for. And people say a high school education is free?!

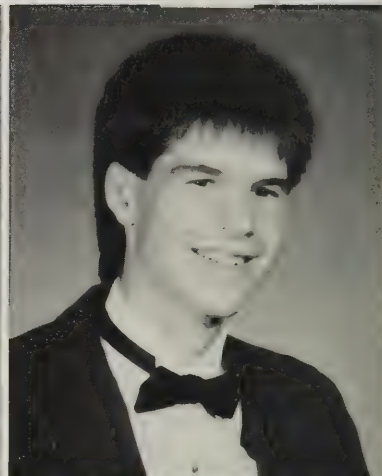
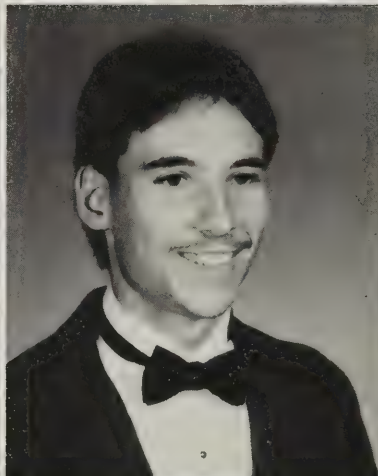


Filling out their memory books, Susan Roberts, Kathy Mahler and Burna Nelsen record the memories of their senior year.

Sheryl A. Cawley
Luis M.C. Civis
Steven D. Clarke



Eva M. Coble
David S. Cole
Charles B. Coleman



Other thoughts besides school seem to occupy Jimmy Dossey's mind in journalism class.

DAYDREAMS:

"Okay, listen up guys, what I want you to do is..."

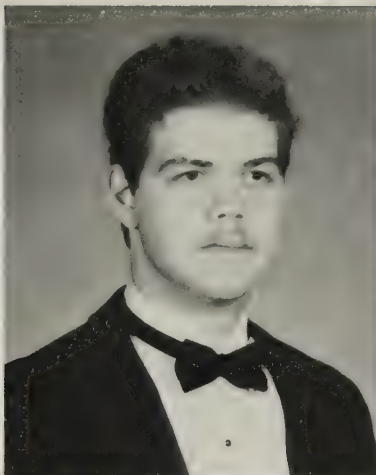
Everyday it is the same thing: that funny guy talking to the walls in front of the class, and a passive mass of people sitting in the desks looking as if they were listening.

After a few minutes of this boring lecture, there are no students in the class anymore. The minds are not there. They have entered into a sort of Space Odyssey. They have escaped through the doors of the imagination.

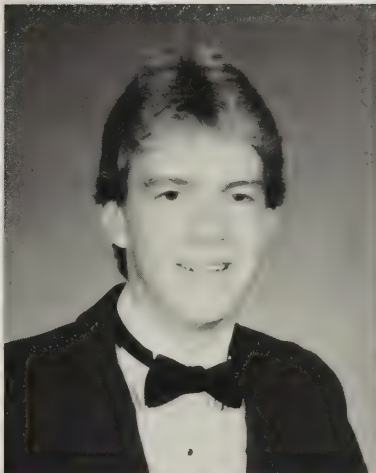
"... to write a composition about our political parties."

Parties? Did he say parties? Oh, the word sounds lovely in the students' ears. It is sweeter than honey and more attractive than Madonna. Have you ever cared to know how the word "party" sounds? It sounds like happiness itself, like a good time, like a Saturday night. The word party brings to us nostalgia when somebody pronounces it on a Monday morning. It seems to be so far away from reality...

However, the future is as



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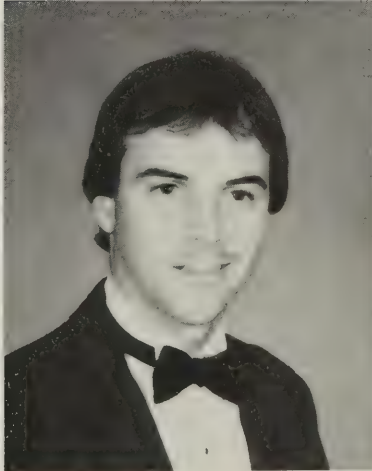
How To Fight the Doldrums

distant as the past. What about the present, you may wonder. Also the present occupies a portion of our daily dreams. It is amazing how we relate the most absurd things in our minds. One begins thinking about breakfast, continues with the weekend dates, and ends walking through the commons without knowing at all how one got there.

To dream is a privilege that only mankind possesses. Let's enjoy this privilege now that we still have hope and time, let's dream for our pleasure as much as we want!!!

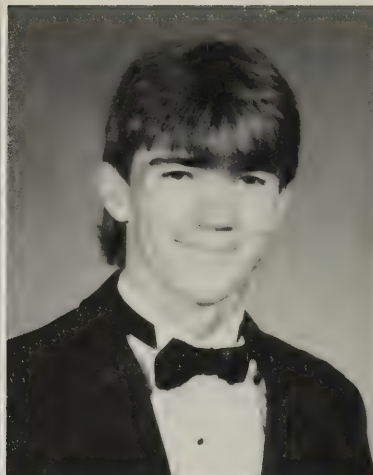
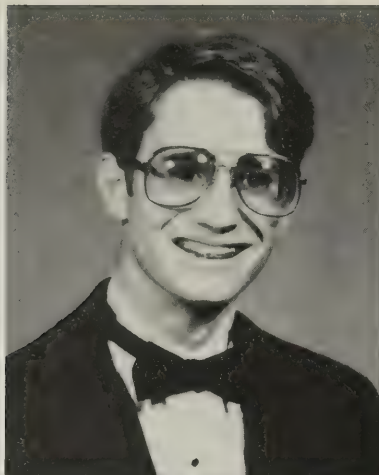


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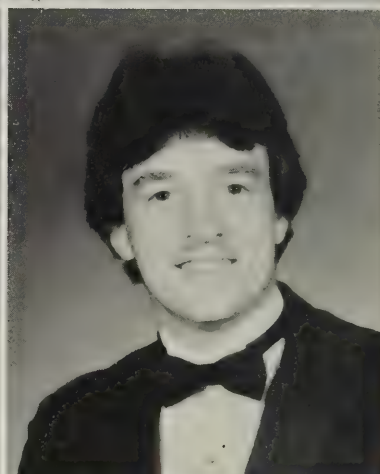
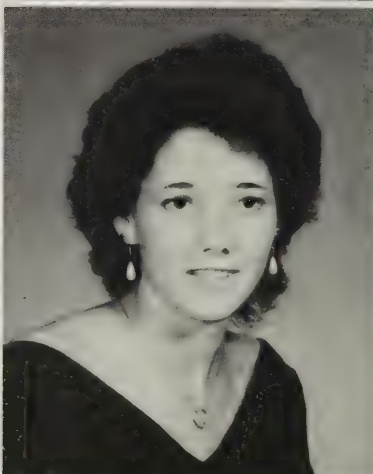
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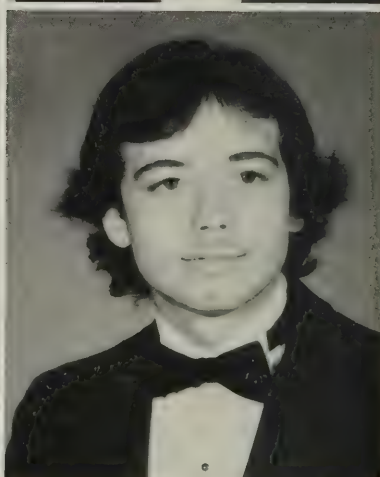
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Life

"The ring binders on looseleaf notebooks, next to the pencil marks all over my hand are what I hate most about being left-handed," says senior Cassie Ward.

There are many problems lefties face. One of the biggest is a left-hander sitting next to a right-hander at the dinner table. They are constantly bumping each others' arms.

"Lefties are unique, but discriminated against because everything is made for right-handers," Tara Smith replies. The zippers on pants, scissors,

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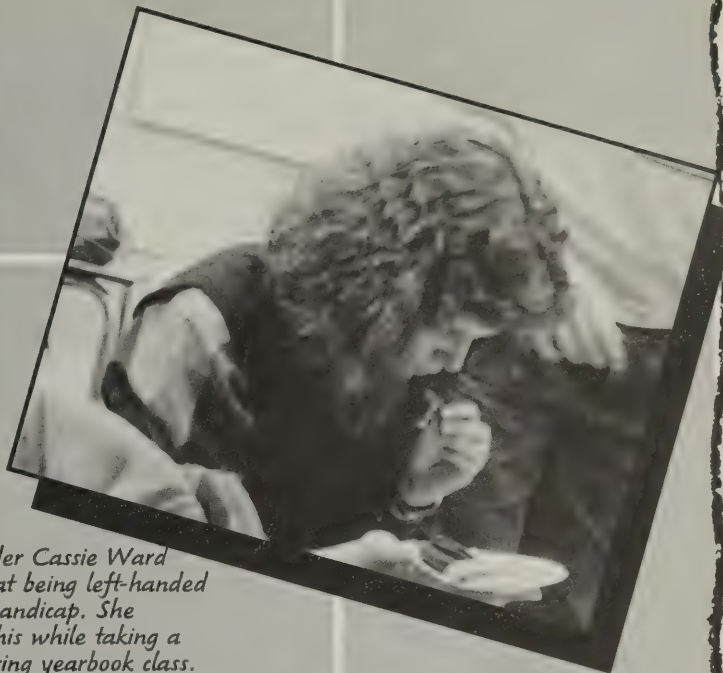
Lefty

watches, and softball gloves are just a few of many discriminations against left-handers.

The majority of parents try to discourage their children from being left-handed. Stacey Tyndall adds, "My own mother saw me using my left hand a lot and tried to train me to use my right hand. But because my father is a lefty, he thought it was an excellent trait to have and put a stop to it." Experts believe stuttering may be caused by forcing a natural left-handed person to be right-handed.

Holly Pierce says, "Writing left-handed is different from writing right-handed. Some famous sports figures are left-handed." (Bill Russell, Whitney Ford, Martina Navratilova, Jimmy Connors, and Kenny "The Snake" Stabler to name a few.)

If the left side of the brain controls the right side of the body and the right side of the brain controls the left side of the body, then left-handers are the only people in their "right" mind.



Left-hander Cassie Ward proves that being left-handed is not a handicap. She showed this while taking a break during yearbook class.



*Sharon D. Emrick
Anthony S. Ferguson
Sandra N. Ferguson*



*Andrea D. Firth
Ann L. Forrest*

1986:



Homecoming week would not be complete without the seniors wearing togas on Friday. Yvette McMurray, Holly Pierce, Vann Brown, Keith Bocklet and Karyn Deibel carried out the senior tradition.

NOW IT'S OUR

"What do you mean we can't

have a skip day?! It's a senior tradition, we have to have one." Although there are some traditions that seniors are unable to continue, there are still plenty they enthusiastically support. These traditions are shown in privileges, school spirit, and activities.

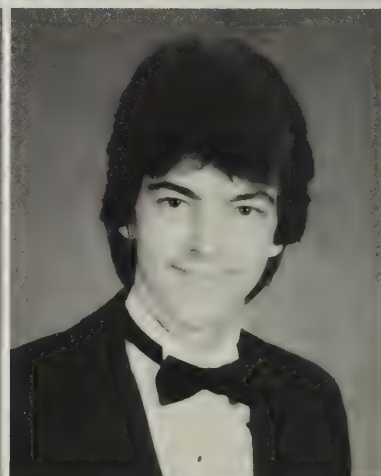
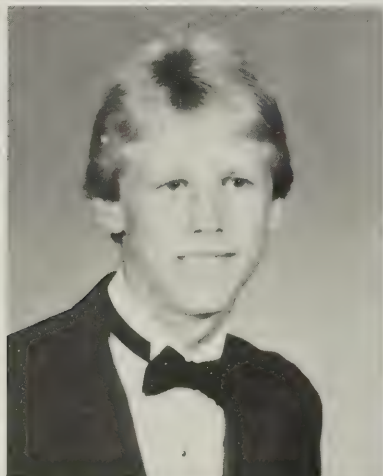
One of the privileges considered as a tradition is parking permits. Seniors no longer have to park at the bank or the Municipal Park and walk through the cold and rain. Another is being called down first to the assemblies. The privilege

a lot of seniors like the most is missing the last few minutes of class before lunch. This gives them a chance to be first in line.

Showing class spirit is something that can always be seen in a senior. During homecoming week, the last day is looked forward to by seniors, Toga-Day. The ordering of T-shirts with all their classmates names on it is another tradition which shows their spirit. Most seniors look forward to getting involved in these traditions.

The activities are the most exciting of the traditions and by far the ones which are eagerly await-

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Kurt M. Forrest



Tina M. Forrest
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Shawn C. Gallup



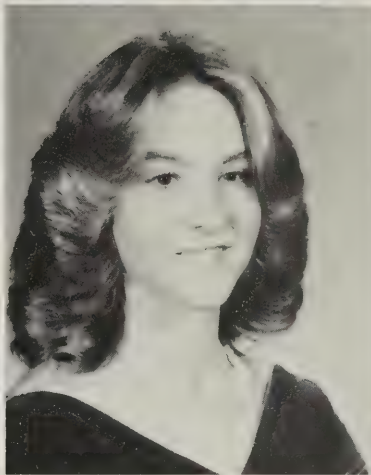
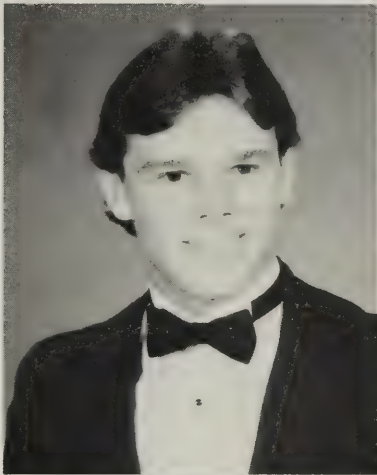
TURN

ed. Lots of hard work is put into the senior skit, but every minute is worth it. After the skit, a picnic is held at the park with plenty of food and excitement. The final tradition carried on by seniors is Nag's Head. Hours of planning go into this trip in hopes of it becoming a lasting memory. Senior activities help to make the year fun and exciting.

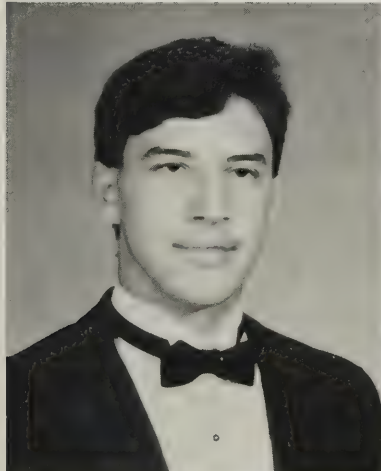
The best thing about these traditions is that the seniors look forward to them for a long time. The spirit, the fun, and the excitement will be carried on with these traditions forever.



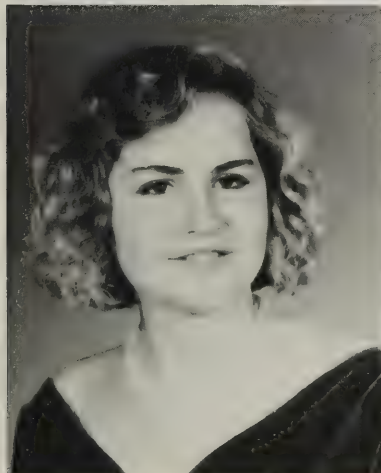
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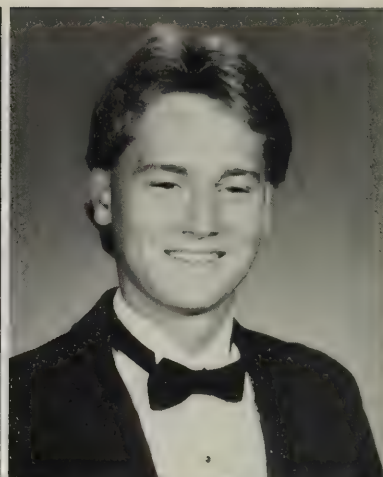


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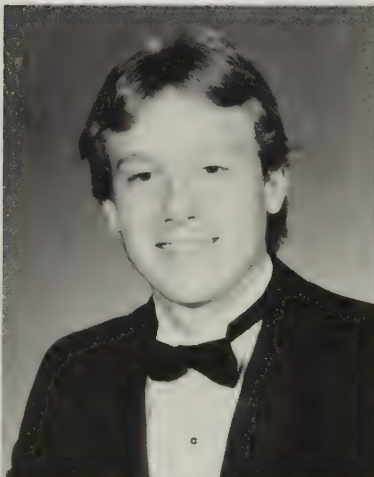


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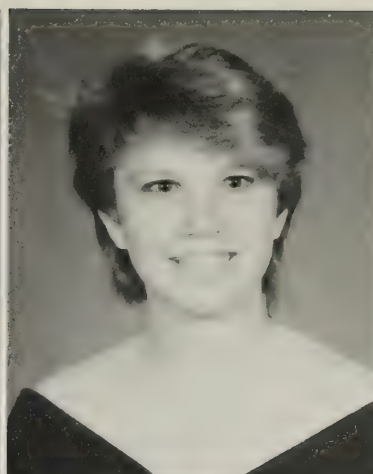
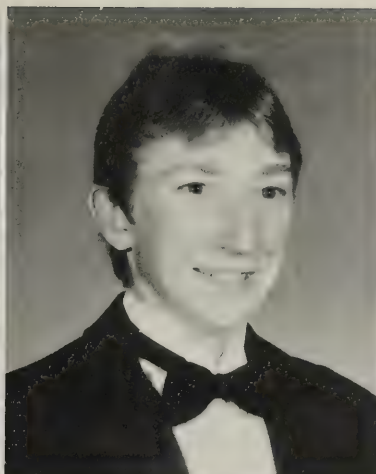
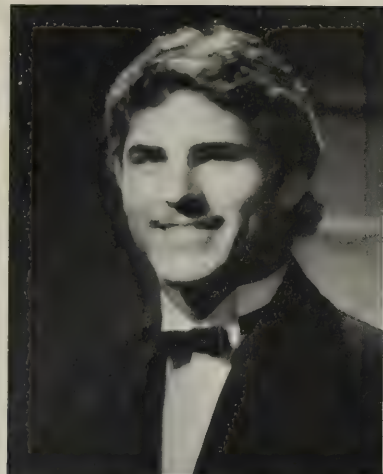


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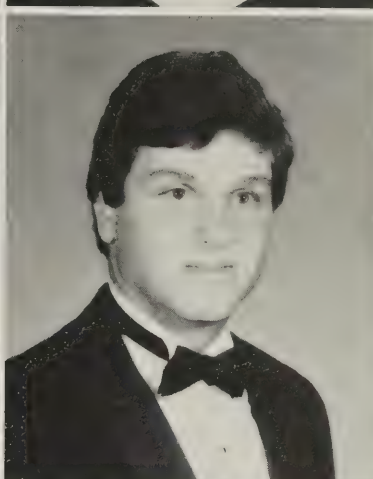


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Shawn T. Irwin
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WE DID IT AGAIN!

Who ever said football was just for men? The junior and senior girls did not think so as they challenged each other to a game of powder-puff football.

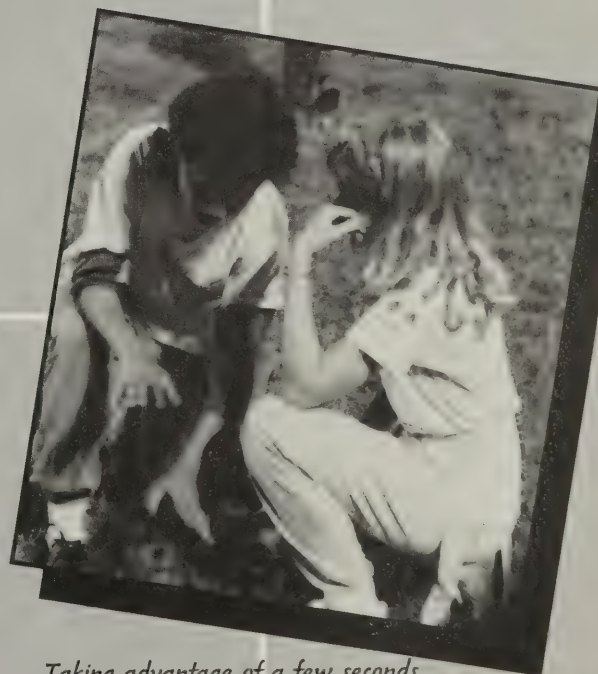
Rich Cannella and Scott Wiggins worked continuously with the senior girls to prepare them for a tough game.

It was tense and tough throughout the game. Kim McCabe scored the first three points for the juniors with a field goal. The score remained 3-0 in favor of the juniors until the third quarter. Gina White ran for a touchdown, but the extra point attempt failed.

The seniors had another chance to move down the field and score one more time. But as Gina White, the quarterback, ran to the right, her flag fell off in the end zone and Mr. Hinds, a referee, ruled this as a safety. This gave the juniors two more points.

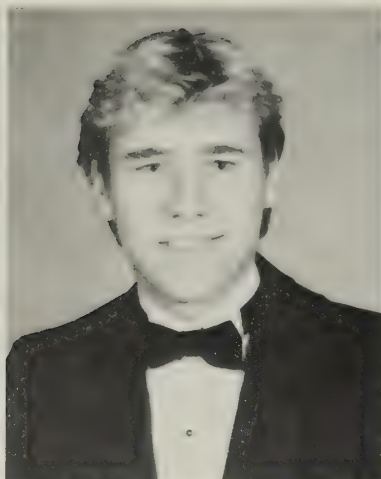
The score was then 6-5 and the juniors attempted to score again on a field goal, but a delay of game penalty moved them back and out of field goal range. Mr. Hinds then blew his whistle, signaling the end of the game.

The senior girls were victorious. The class of '86 is the only class to have won the powder-puff football game both as juniors and as seniors.



Taking advantage of a few seconds during a time out, team captain Gina White explains the next play to Burna Nelsen.

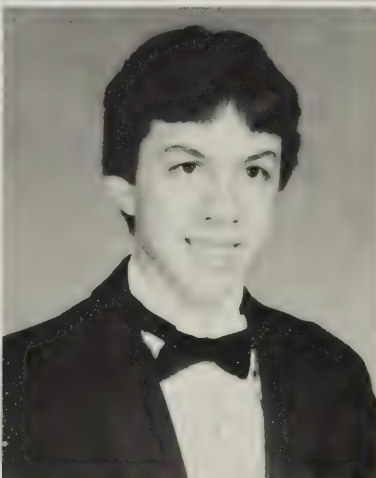
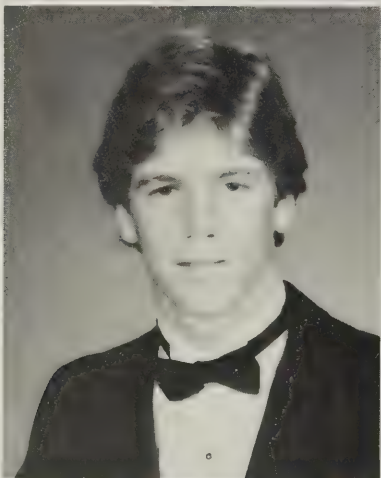
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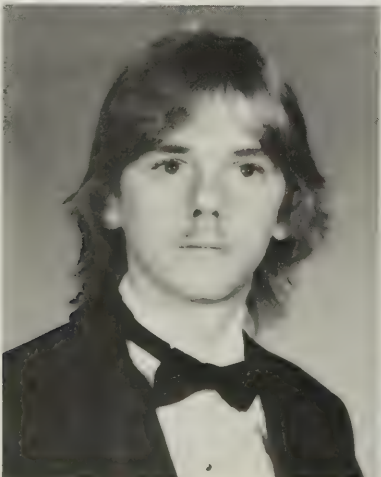
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Daniel E. Leatherman
Kelly J. LeVan*



*Patrick B. Lilis
Michael W. Logsdon
Tracey R. Lollar*



What would Marilyn Monroe have said if she could have seen herself hanging on the walls of a dark, messy locker? What would she have said if she could have seen her face covered with graffiti and surrounded by boring books? "At least they still remember me," she would probably think.

Those metallic cases, so empty of personal details and "poetry" are a very important part of our lives in the school. They are ours, they belong to us—I mean, as long as you have paid the required dollar, of course—they are a reflection of our personality and they console us every morning before first hour.

Not everybody goes around hanging pictures of Marilyn Monroe, of course. Girls, for example, prefer to have pictures of their favorite musical groups, mirrors, pictures of hunks, and pictures of their boyfriends and their other friends. With guys it is not so common to find junk in their lockers: bumper stickers, pictures of girls,

little amulets, and sometimes a mirror.

Apart from these normal cases, you also have the ones with literary ambitions and anxieties for eternity, who feel themselves obliged to leave tangible evidence of their presence here, on the walls of their locker.

Isn't it odd to think that behind the monotony of each door symmetrically designed, so many different worlds of imagination are hidden? Each locker is a different person, a different personality, a different character.

At the end of the year, the lockers will lose their personality again. They are like empty minds to be filled with the thoughts of the one who arrives first... and this first one will convert it into his own "I", another I totally personal and incomparable to the others.

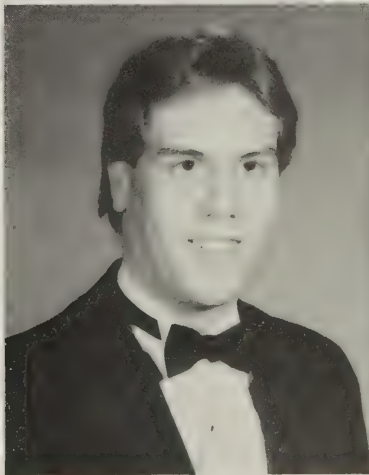
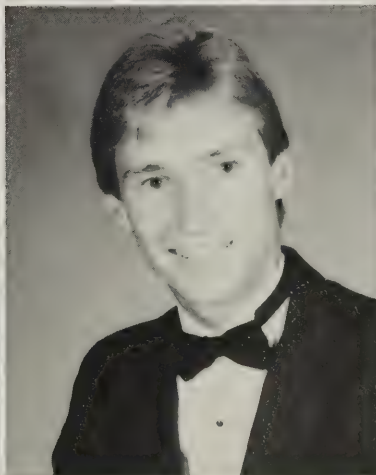
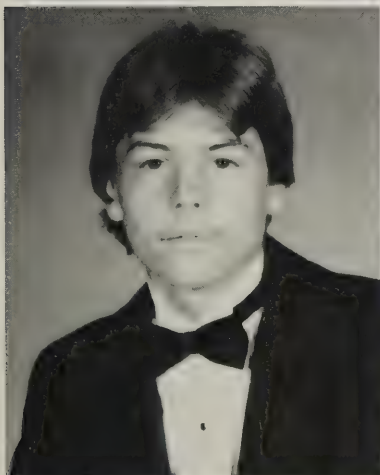
The lockers are nothing but worlds of fantasy and when they are invaded by the "nothing", they are left to the fantasy of any other student!

“Each locker is a different person, a different personality, a different character.”

No two lockers are the same. Stacey Tyndall and Chris Phipps did an excellent job making their lockers original.

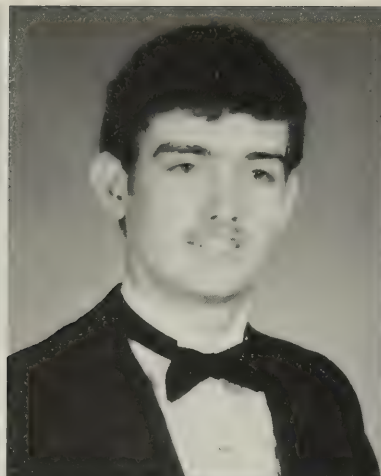


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Sinamon R. McPherson
Cathy L. Mikulas
Sherry M. Miskell



Taking time out in lunch, Sherri Cawley and JoAnn Bolden look through college handbooks.

Freshmen? Not

"Great!" "I can't wait!" "Mmmm!" "I'm excited!" This is how most seniors answered the question: "How do you feel about being freshmen next year?"

From the perspective of a high school freshman, this may sound crazy, but not to the seniors! Even after being at the top for a year, most seniors are more than willing to give up their status for the name "college freshman."

"The title 'freshman' may not be so bad as it sounds

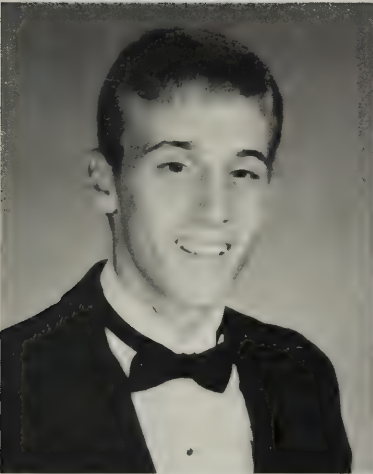
at first," explains Stacey Tyndall. "It is different from being a freshman in high school. Upperclassmen don't pick on you the same way and most of the time you can't even tell who the freshmen are."

There are some seniors though who think being a freshman again will be "a pain." Laura Trantham says, "You wasted four years working your way to the top and once you get there, you have to start at the bottom again."

Seniors constantly hear people tell them "this is the best year of your life —



*Tina M. Mongold
Heather H. Moore
Phaedra L. Moran*



*Michael J. Musiol
Rebecca A. Neher
Burna M. Nelsen*

Again!

enjoy it while you can." This is not necessarily true, and most seniors agree with Cassie Ward when she says, "It will be even more fun being a freshman in college next year than it is being a senior in high school this year."

Undemeath all the excitement and "I can't waits!" lies a little bit of fear in most seniors about being back at the bottom looking up. However, most seniors agree with Elliott Duty when he says, "It doesn't bother me."



*Tina L. Newman
Bonnie T. Nicosia*



*Kelly L. Ordess
Deborah Y. Ossa*

You Name It — We've Got It!

Too many people worry too much about what they don't have, rather than what they do have. This isn't the case with the seniors because . . .

WE MAY NOT HAVE . . . BUT WE HAVE . . .

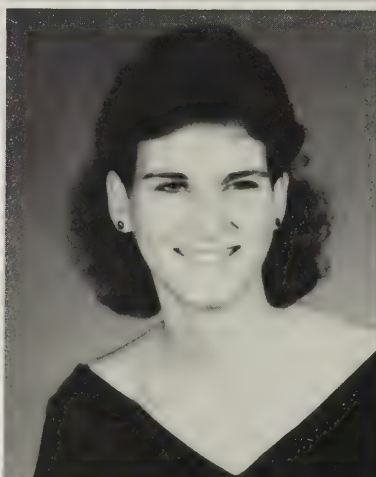
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a Door
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a Honeymoon

a Beagle (Scott)
Cotton (Missy)
Sinnamon (McPherson)
Hawkes (Bert)
Gaus (James)
Holly (Pierce)
Cole (Scott)
Grahams (Casey and Michelle)
a Knaub (Jimmy)
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a Vann (Brown)
a Taylor (Diane)
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a Wedding (Jeep)

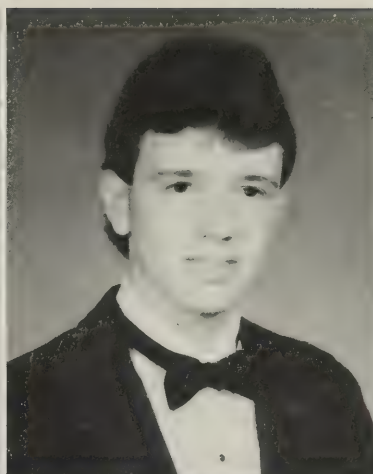
When people stop to look at what they do have, things may not seem so bad. The seniors have learned that they might not have everything . . . but they have class.

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Lisa M. Pawluk
Michele L. Perry*



*Angela C. Phelps
Carri E. Phillips
Christopher S. Phipps*

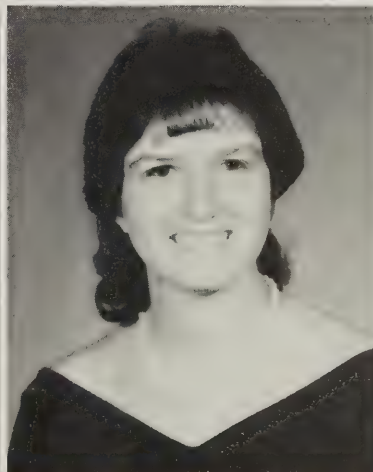
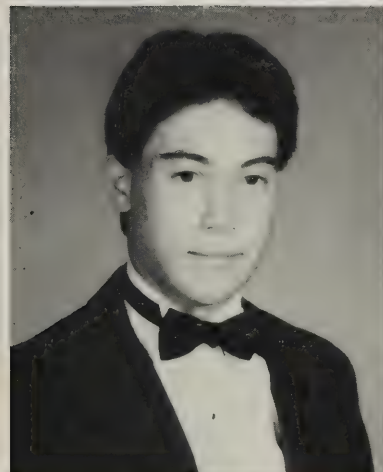




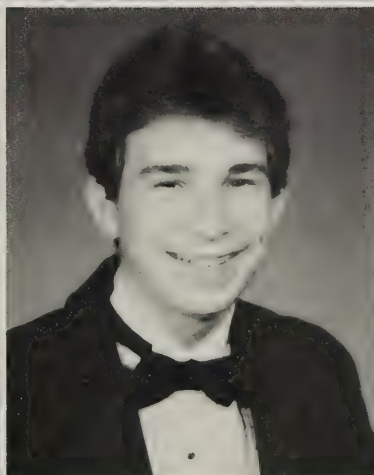
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Michelle M. Quinn*

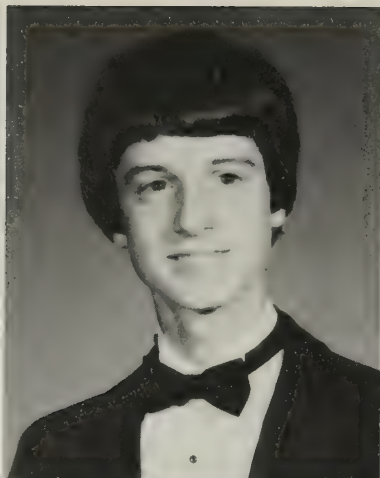


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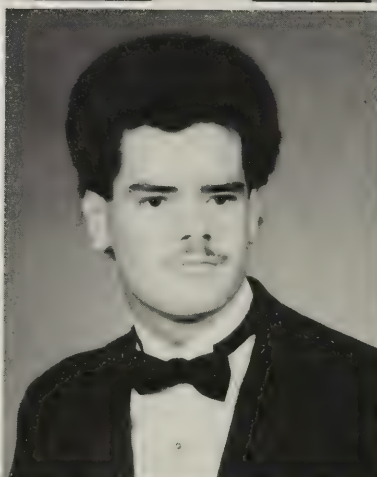
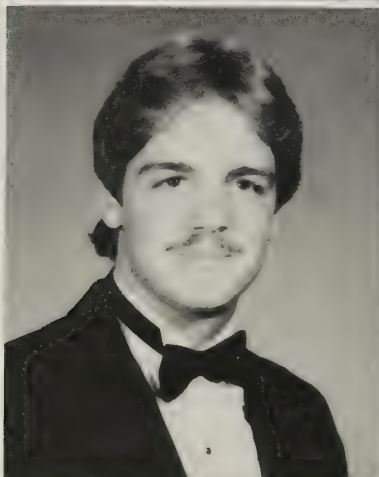
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Susan K. Roberts
Bethany E. Rollins*



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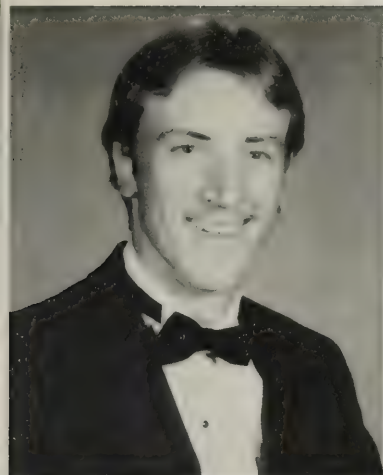
What's

June 8, 9, 10 ... at last! The countdown for seniors had started September 3; and now, it was all over.

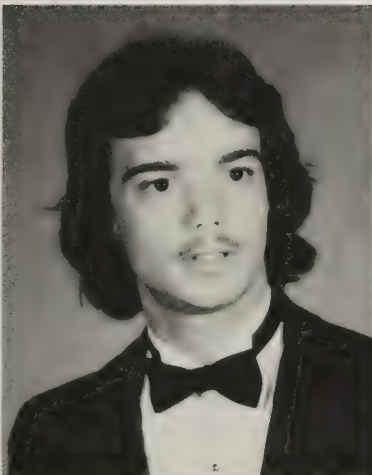
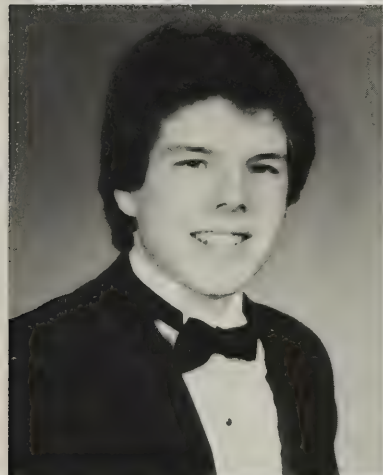
For some seniors, the countdown started their freshman year. Karyn Deibel said, "I can remember saying things like we were going to rule the school, and look who is ruling the school now."

The "Main Event" for all seniors after graduation is, of course, that traditional trip to Nags Head. "Man! It is going to be one party after party. I can hardly wait," said Holly Pierce.

Seniors had different



Owen J. Smith
Tara M. Smith
Kimberly C. Stanley



Robert M. Stewart
Steven M. Stillwell
Stephanie D. Stump

The Rush? GRADUATION!

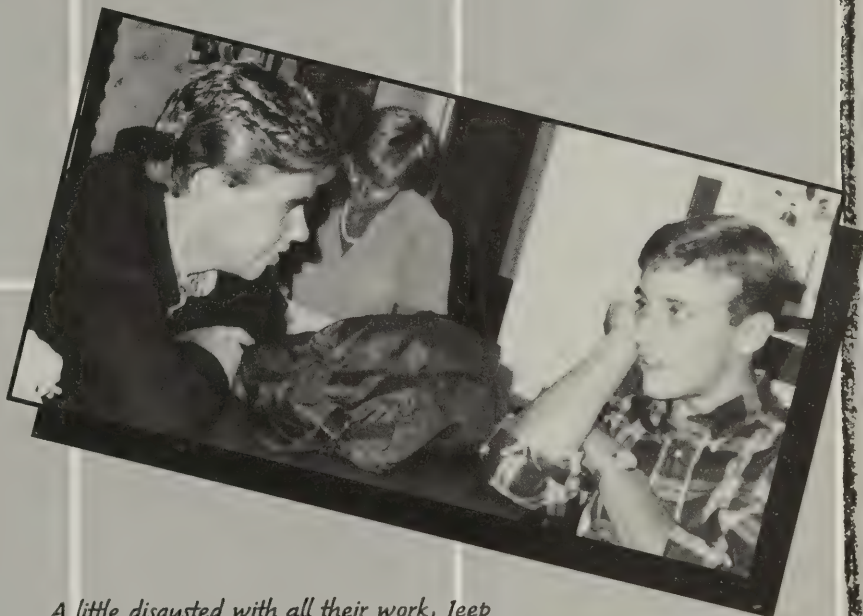
feelings about what graduation day would be like. Kerry Williams said, "I think it will be exciting and wild, but it will also be sad because we won't see everyone as often." Matricia Alpin said, "I think there are going to be a lot of smiles and tears. It is going to be scary because after graduation is when your life really starts."

Even though graduation is an exciting and memorable day, it is also very sad. After many years of being together, it is hard when friends go their separate ways. Natalie

Whitlow said, "It will be great to graduate, but it is going to be very difficult to leave my friends whom I have grown up with."

The countdown for some seniors brought much apprehension about going to college and leaving home. "I am so excited about graduation, but I am pretty nervous about going to college, it is a whole new ball game there," said Vann Brown.

One thing is certain, June 11, 1986, will be a day remembered by all seniors at Poquoson High School.

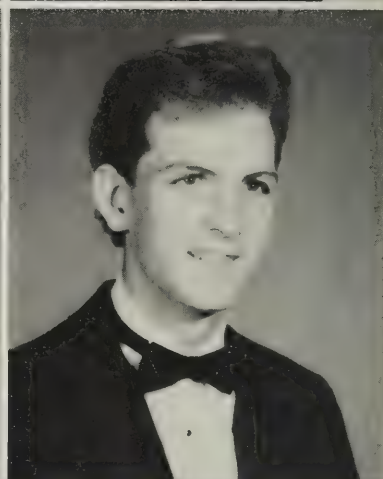


A little disgusted with all their work, Jeep Wedding and Mike Musiol eagerly await graduation.

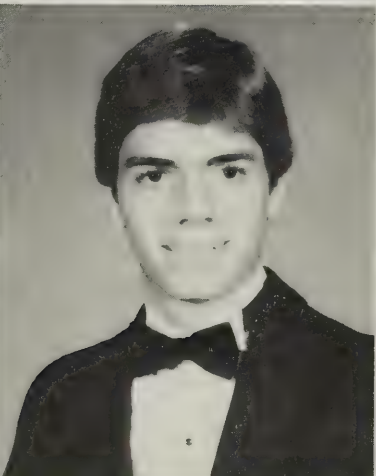
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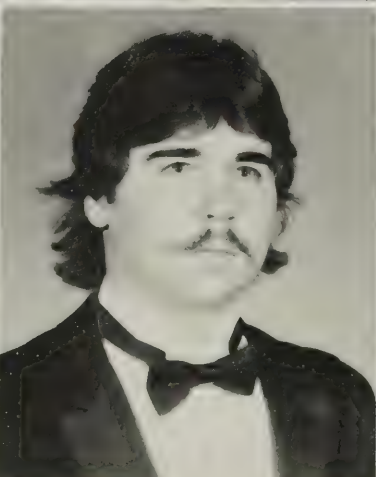
*Nancy S. Thompson
Stella G.Y. Thompson
Sherwood D. Tiffany*



*Charles R. Tookey
Tracy L. Topping
Laura L. Trantham*



*Melissa A. Trantham
Robert D. Turner
Stacey L. Tyndall*



DO YOU KNOW A "STEVIE"?

This is a made-up story with a not so made-up meaning. It is about Stevie, a typical senior. Everyone can relate to Stevie whether we know someone like him or we can see a little bit of ourselves in him.

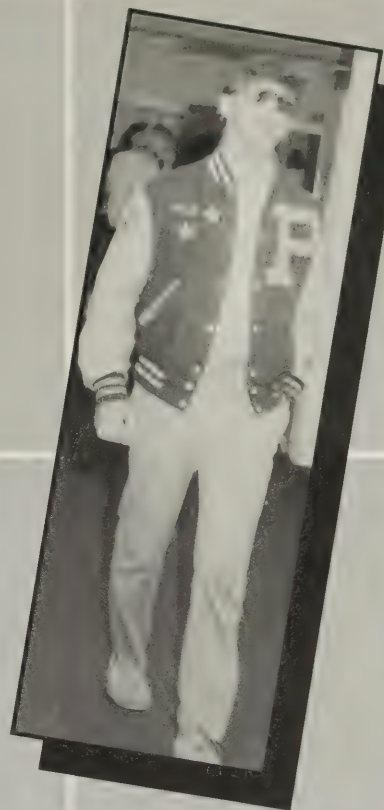
Brrriinnngg . . . Stevie's alarm blares to signal the start of another Monday morning. Slam! He hits the clock and it tumbles to the floor as Stevie rolls over for a few more minutes of much needed sleep. Stevie had a rough night last night out with the guys. His mother had told him not to stay out late on a school night, but Stevie didn't listen — he's a senior.

Stevie finally rolls out of bed, and once again he's late for government class with Mrs. Keech. This doesn't bother Stevie though; he just slides into those jeans that he's worn all weekend, catches a wheel out of the driveway and he's walking into the school by 8:00.

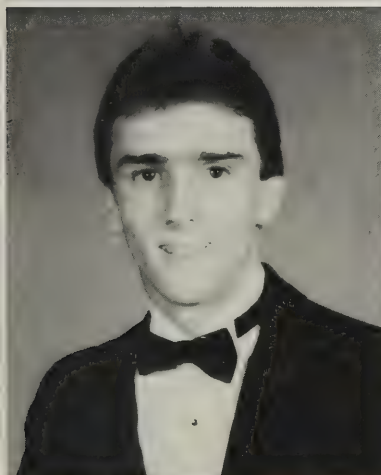
It's a lucky break for Stevie that he's too late to get into first hour. He has to sit in the nurse's office until second hour — English (and Mrs. Fay). Now he has a chance to read that Tale. Oh, if he could only remember which one was assigned. That's okay, he really didn't want to read anyway. So Stevie tells the nurse he's going to his locker and roams the halls until second hour.

It's a few minutes before the lunch bell and Stevie runs as the teacher opens the door to let the seniors leave early. He wants to be the first in line for his "double."

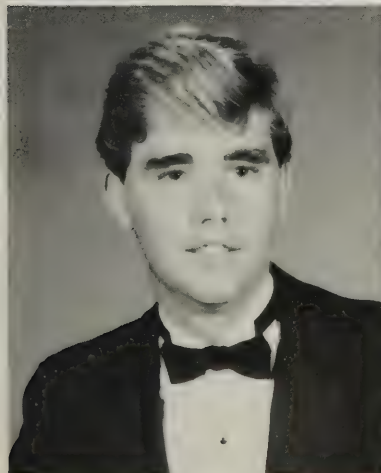
During lunch Stevie starts a food fight. Just as he's about to throw a roll some little freshman who's not looking where he's going bumps Stevie's chair and the roll misses its target to hit Mr. Evans. Stevie thinks to himself, "Why don't these underclassmen give us seniors any respect?"



Strutting down the hall, Chad Grube looks as if he may be a Poquoson "Stevie."



*Tad A. Vest
Cassie L. Ward
Nicole R. Watkins*

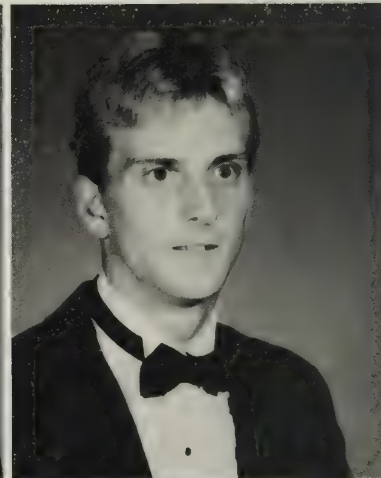
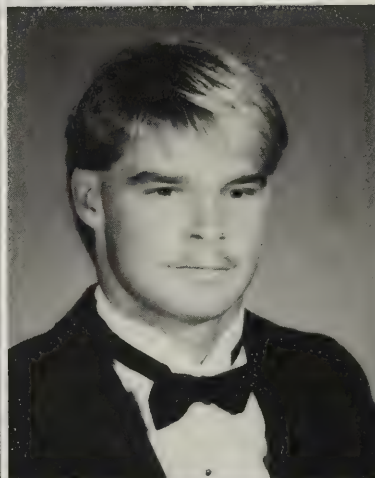
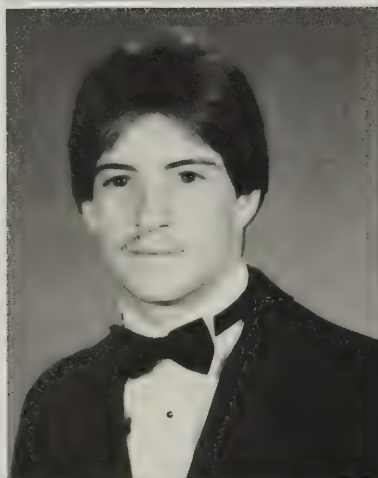


*Joseph P. Wedding
Paula M. Weis
Barbara K. Westmoreland*

*Sandra L. Wheless
Gina L. White
Natalie L. Whitlow*



*M. Scott Wiggins
Kerry S. Williams
Mark A. Williams*



THE CONTAGIOUS BUG

Diagnosis: Senioritis

Seniors are it! Seniors rule!

Phrases as simple as these can completely change the personality and the character of a student. They can bring him to acquire the terrible virus of SENIORITIS.

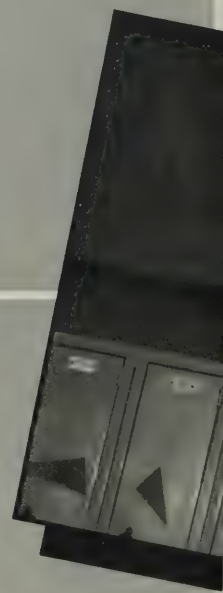
The most common symptoms among those who are affected by this disease are a general apathy or unconcern about all the activities that involve the use of books, an unexplainable excitement followed by gestures, jumps, leaps and shouts every time somebody says something about graduation; a propensity to feel oneself superior to others, a good mood that grows up and increases when the end of the year comes around and a constant repetition of three key words: party, prom and fun.

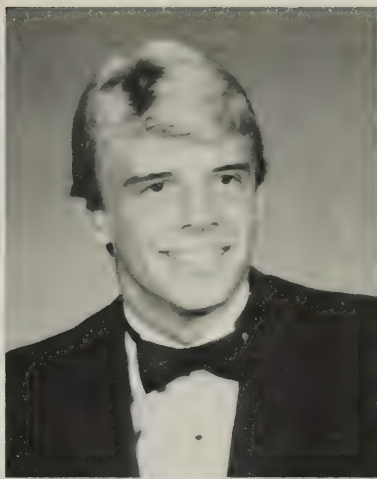
The senioritis fever mysteriously arrives each year around April and May, and it invades the high school making it impossible for the affected ones to take any class seriously.

Where can we find the causes of this fever, you may ask? The origins are in a sort of virus known as "Graduation." This virus makes the ones that acquire it feel that they are becoming adults, even when they behave like children. These patients (usually called seniors) feel that they are going to enter into the world by themselves.

"Is there any potion or any draught, any X beams (rays), or W or Y or whatever, that can help to prevent and to cure this disease?" Well, experience proves that the only things that can partially eliminate the effects of SENIORITIS are time and some dose of patience. As a matter of fact, the best you can do is to relax and enjoy it while you have it, because there will always be time enough to miss it.

If Senioritis has already begun to take over in your brain when you read these lines and you notice that you are beginning to worry too much about going to college or God knows what, take it easy, guys. Remember that we still have the chance of being a senior again in four years; one of the main reasons why being a senior is important is because it is something that will only happen to you a few times in your life. Please don't forget: wherever you are, wherever you go, whatever you do, SENIORS ARE IT!!!



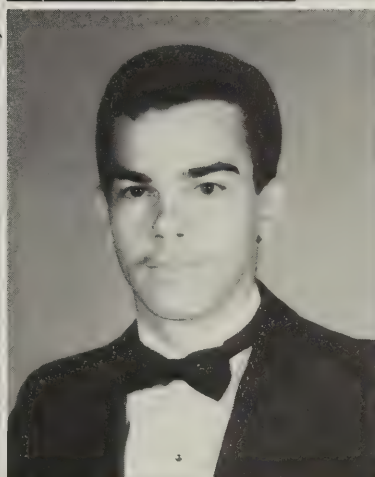


*Edward G. Wilson
Kyle E. Wimmer
Whitney A. Winters*



*Charles R. Woodruff
Edward Q. Wornom
Sandra D. Yetzer*

*This sign, made by Burna Nelsen and
Susan Roberts, shows the feelings of
every senior.*



Brian J. Zamora

*Not Pictured
Richard R. Bennett
Michael S. Bottoms
Buddie R. Bowman
Tina L. Carter
William E. Evans
Wells H. Hoadley
Eric J. Jacobson
Todd P. Sperling
Karen F. White*

Superlatives

"Who's laziest?"

"Everybody's lazy."

"Well, who should we vote for?"

This conversation is typical of many held in senior English classes when it becomes time to vote on the superlatives. Every senior has the opportunity to vote for one boy and one girl in each category. Some choices are very obvious. If not out on the field participating in a sport, Jeep Wedding can be seen cheering the team on with the cheerleaders or leading the band which earns him the title of "Most spirited." A 3.9 grade point average, many questions and a lot of note-taking make John Klassa the best choice for "Hardest Working." "Most cheerful," Susan Roberts, can hardly complete a sentence without a smile or giggle. A three-sport letterman, Mike Musiol is not only "Most athletic," but also "Most Likely to Succeed." Always talking and giggling (especially with the opposite sex), Tyna Sloate is our "Biggest flirt."

Everyone has qualities that make them special. Here are just a few of the individuals in the senior class who are SUPER.

Best Dressed



Shannon Coleman
Ken Early

Most Spirited



Phaedra Moran
Jeep Wedding

Most Talkative



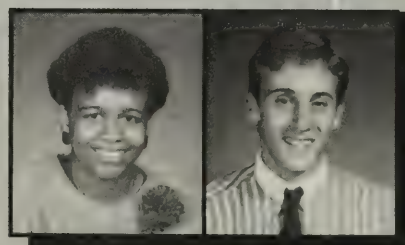
Betsy Bell
Scott Wiggins

Most Dependable



Stella Thompson
Elliott Duty

Most Athletic



Gina White
Mike Musiol

Most Ideal



Burna Nelsen
Jeep Wedding

Funniest



Holly Pierce
Todd Sperling

Quietest



Martha Carmines
Edward Wornom

Most Likely to Succeed



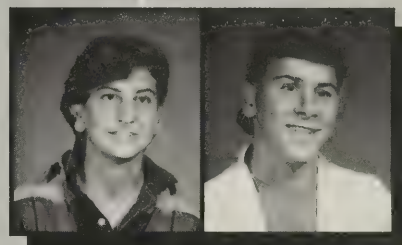
Stella Thompson
Mike Musiol

Most Original



Shannon Coleman
Charles Woodruff

Biggest Beach Bum



Yvette McMurray
Ken Early

Most Cheerful



Susan Roberts
Luis Cuesta

Best Looking



Tara Smith
Ian Rominger

Hardest Working



Stella Thompson
John Klassa

Biggest Flirt



Tyna Sloate
Kyle Wimmer

Best Legs



Natalie Whitlow
Mike McCabe

Most Wild-and-Crazy



Holly Pierce
Scott Wiggins

The Junior Class



The junior class officers are president Dee Dee Ward, vice-president Melissa Frost, secretary Marty Forrest, and treasurer Chris Duncan.

Class rings, research papers, and the junior-senior prom are just some of the memories that are made during one's junior year.

Receiving one's class ring may very well be the most remembered event in all a person's high school days. Not only does it mean getting out of class to pick up your ring, it is a time of excitement and unity. The ring symbolizes this unity felt throughout the whole junior class as each junior turns their friends' rings, saving the last turn for that someone special.

Shortly after the excitement of receiving class rings dies down, junior English teachers, Mrs. Katz and Mrs. VanDervort, announce the start of the research paper. With utter confusion, the juniors travel to and from many libraries to make their papers the best that they can be. Although

many students dread this fatal chore, most juniors realize that it is great preparation for a college career.

With the receiving of the class rings and the research paper finally finished and over with, juniors concern themselves with the next thing that the whole class has been saving their money for since the ninth grade. This great social event is the junior and senior prom, sponsored by none other than the junior class. They once again gather together and make this night a night to remember for themselves and the graduating class.

The juniors, the class of 1987, have formed an overwhelming bond of love and friendship for each other. It is this type of love which makes a class strong and willing to be the best that it can be.

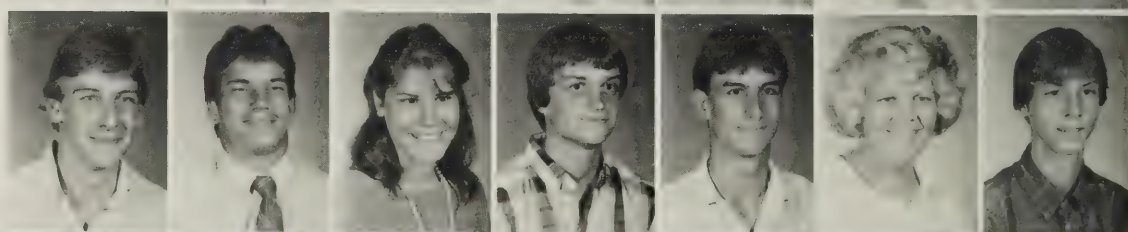
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Katherine Anderson
Kimberly Anderson
David Ankeney
Kathleen Apelt



James Bagley
Ian Ballman
Dinah Balthis
Cynthia Banton
Janet Barnes
Thomas Bastian
James Beach



Barry Bell
Jerry Benedum
Lisa Bergamasco
James Bias
Kevin Binkley
Paige Booker
Alan Bowden



Casey Bradberry
Evelyn Brown
Tommy Brown
Robert Bruce
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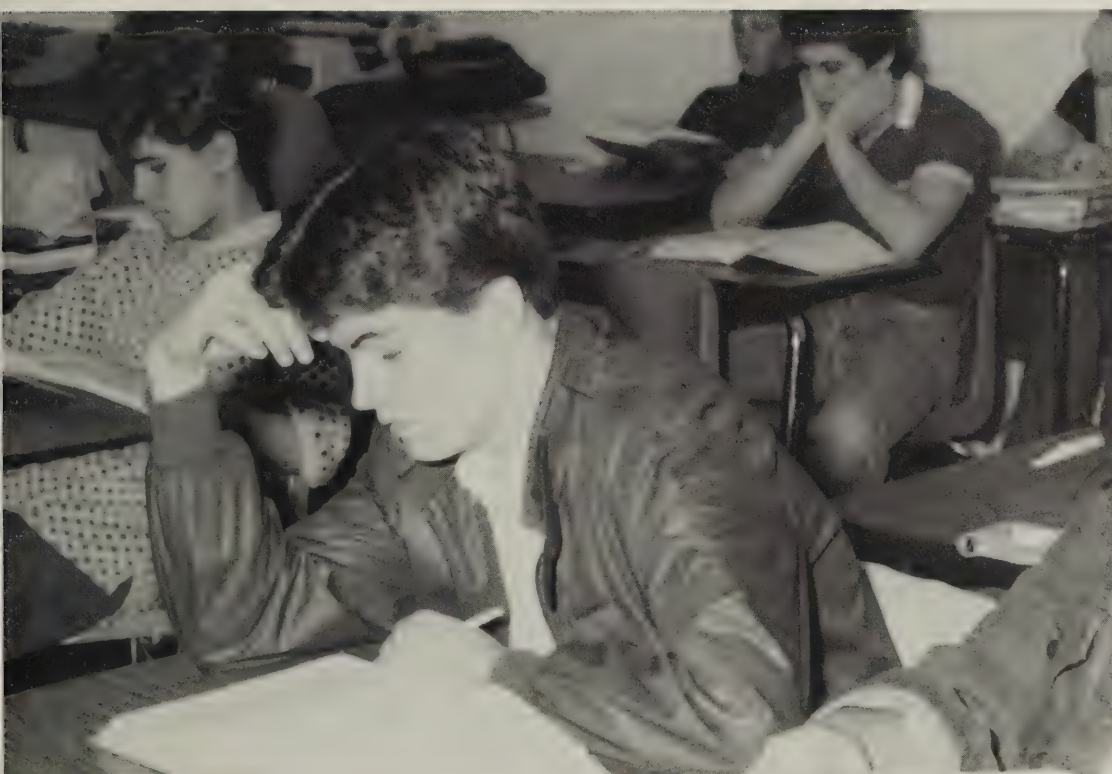


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Shannon Carmen
Daniel Champ
Bryan Christopher
Mary Church
Richard Cissa
Bradd Clark

Kathleen Clark
Lisa Clark
Amy Coleman
Brent Collins
Bernice Compton
Eric Cunningham
Jeanne Darby

Ike Davis
Julie Deal
Jill Deaton
Joshua Dillinger
Anthony DiPippa
Elina Dryden
Christopher Duncan

Cheryl Dyer
Tracey Edwards
Clayton Emrick
Amy Ferguson
Gina Ferguson
Wesley Firman
Randolph Firth



Eleventh grade English includes transcendentalism. Jay Hicks read an assignment by Thoreau in Mrs. Dott VanDervort's class.

A Foreign Exchange

"We start school at age seven, which is first grade, and go through ninth grade. We graduate when we're sixteen," says Gun-Britt Wahlstrom, one of our foreign exchange students at PHS. The high school that Gun-Britt attends in Sweden is called Fredrika Bremer Skolan. Seventh through ninth grades are taught there. Elementary school has grades one through three and middle school has four through six.

Her typical school day back home in Sweden begins at 6:00 AM. Gun-Britt lives on an island, so she has a 40 to 50 minute trip to and from the island to get where the school is located, then she rides a public bus the rest of the way. School begins at 8:20 AM. Gun-Britt's curriculum consists of seventeen subjects a week. She doesn't take every subject each day. She says that she may only have two hours of English in one week.

Her main course of study is language

es. At the present time, she is taking French, German, Spanish, English, and Swedish. She said that the grading system is totally different back in Sweden. They have a scale of one through five, with five being the highest, and one is failing.

One of the big differences between American schools and Swedish schools is the afterschool activities that we offer. "We do not play sports or take PE in Sweden. We may have a play once in a while though." She said that their summer vacation begins on June 1 and they return to school on August 19.

When the school day is over for Gun-Britt, she may get home anywhere from 2:30 PM to 4:30 PM. She said that it depends on which and how many classes she takes that day. Then it's back to the bus and boat rides again for the 50 minute trip back home.



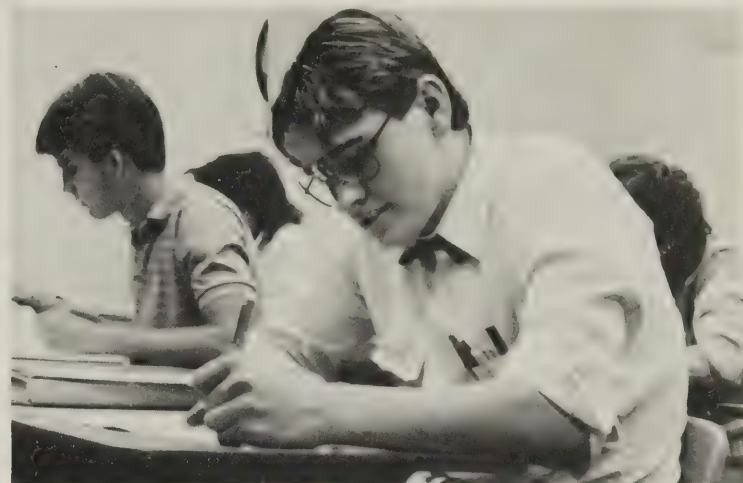
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In Biology class, Melissa Frost stares at Mr. Bob Gemmill in disbelief.

Dressed as PeeWee Herman during Homecoming week, Ian Ballman takes a test in Mrs. Dott Vandervort's English class.



Robert Firth
Traci Fixx
Kevin Forrest
Marty Forrest
Melanie Forrest
Robbie Forrest
Amber Freeman

Randy Freeman
Melissa Frost
Robert Gallerani
Matt Garcia
James Garrett
Marty Gatewood
Lynn Giglio

Lynn Grant
John Griffith
Tobias Hale
Andrea Hammersley
Adam Hankins
Karen Heard
Robert Hewes

James Heyman
Trisha Hickmott
Jay Hicks
Jeff Hill
Ryan Hill
Bennie Hogge
Robert Hogge

Teresa Holloway
Paula Hopping
Morris Hudson
Brett Huggett
Jeffrey Hunt
Donald Hux
James Insley

The Main Event

What's the assembly for today? We're getting our order forms for our class rings. Really? That's great. But then we have to wait until next year before they're delivered. Maybe it'll go by fast. I hope so!

Should I get white gold or yellow gold? A cut top or a smooth top? These questions are sometimes hard to answer for the sophomores

Once the class rings are delivered, tradition takes over. Each junior goes from person to person getting his ring turned one less time than the year he graduates. That number is saved for the special night of the ring dance.

Pink and metallic silver, the colors of the class of 1987, were displayed in the forms of balloons, streamers, glitter, and flowers at the annual junior ring dance. Junior class treasurer Chris Duncan described the night of October 19, as being "a night to remember and one of the best memories the class of 87 has ever shared."

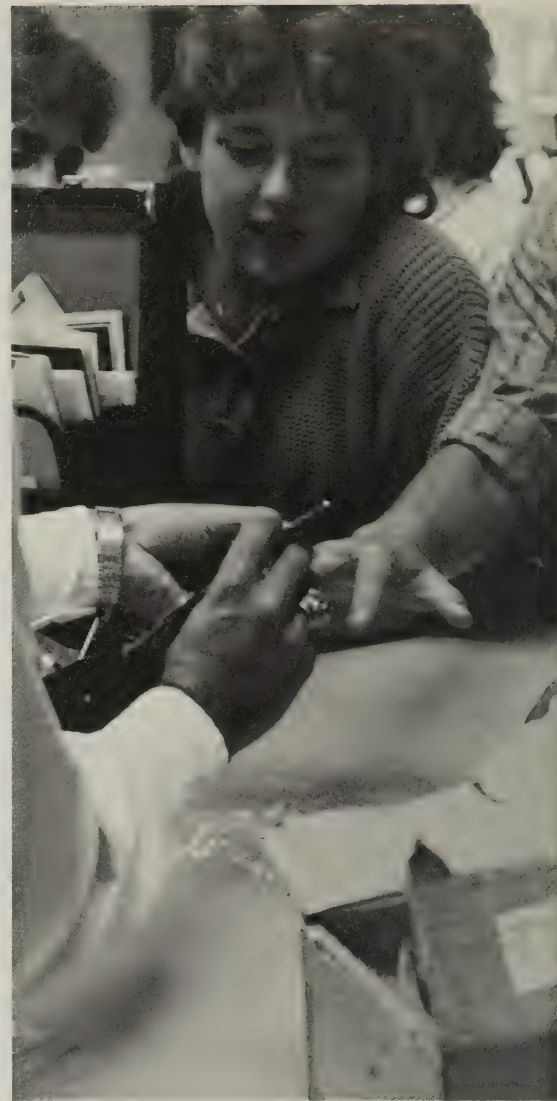
The ring dance began at 8:30 p.m., and as each junior and his date arrived, they could feel excitement in the air. Each table was elegantly

decorated with flowers and candles to add a special touch to that very special Saturday night.

Everyone was given a pink carnation, chosen by the junior class as their flower. Then each couple was presented with a scroll containing the names of the class officers, colors, song, and motto. As D.J. Lloyd Brown played the music, each junior waited in anticipation for his or her ring to be turned for the eighty-seventh time. Jeep Wedding announced the names of each couple during the ceremony, which began at 10:00 p.m. President of the junior class, Dee Dee Ward, and her escort, Bill Ward, went first, followed by the three remaining class officers, their dates, and the rest of the junior class. The ceremony concluded at 10:45 p.m.

Even though the big event was coming to an end, the juniors would not soon forget this occasion. The junior ring dance will remain in the hearts of the class of 1987 for years to come.

Watching closely, Amber Freeman waits patiently in line to receive her class ring.



Juniors anxiously await the turning of their rings at their Ring Dance.

While dancing with their dates, Tanya Culbreth, Greg Bottoms, and Lynn Grant enjoy the music at the Ring Dance.





Mark Irving
 Brian Jewett
 Angela Jones
 Brenda Jones
 Tracy Jones
 Charmaine Joyner
 Michael Joyner

William Joyner
 Lara Kain
 Lysa Keener
 Amy Keever
 Scott Kendrick
 Michael Ketterman
 Todd King

Scott Kingsmore
 Edward Kist
 John Kostoff
 Kim Kuczaj
 David Kunkle
 Daryl Lackey
 Kurt Lauderback

Nancy Lawson
 David LeCain
 Stacey Lippincott
 Laura Little
 Robin Logsdon
 Kevin Lowe
 Clay Marcum

Jeffrey Martin
 Edward Matheson
 John Mayo
 Kimberly McCabe
 Gary McCardell
 Kavan McDowell
 James McHenry

April Metcalf
 William Miles
 Derek Miller
 Paul Miller
 Kimberly Miner
 Michelle Monday
 Robert Montgomery

Barbara Moore
 Kevin Moore
 Michelle Moore
 Sharon Moore
 Valarie Moore
 William Moore
 John Morris

Christopher Nadeau
 Lora Neal
 Tammy Norsworthy
 Jon Ohlinger
 Stephanie Olson
 Brian Overbay
 Lisa Owen

Blood, Sweat, and Tears

Your voice cracks. Suddenly, your whole body starts shaking, your hands get clammy and you break out in hot beads of sweat. This reminds us of the afflictions that describe the pain and agony of giving a class presentation.

You have known most of your classmates since elementary school. Even though your best friend may be

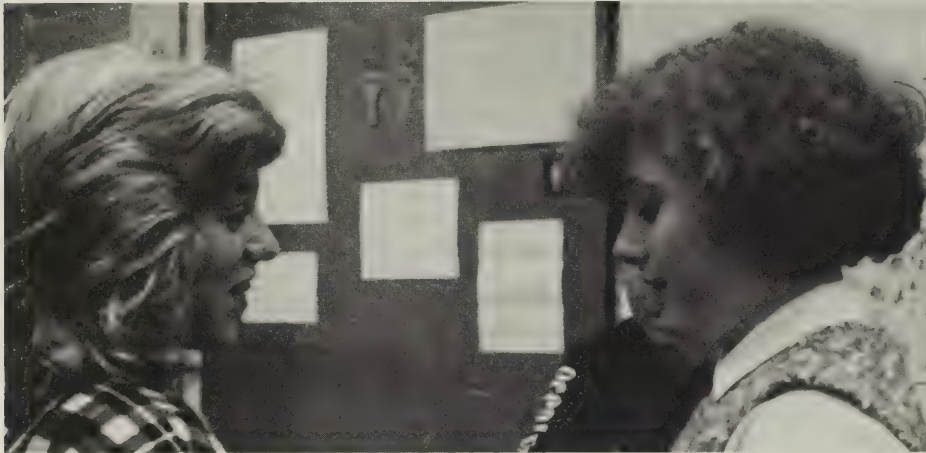
in the class, the symptoms of this illness always reoccur. Your stomach churns, your knees begin to shake, your eyes water. Sometimes it feels as if you are staring into an ocean of relentless sharks.

A few words are uttered that make absolutely no sense, in a voice that cracks two octaves higher than your normal voice. The pressure is getting

intense — so is the glare from your teacher. This grade, you remind yourself, could mean life or death for report cards. At the moment, it seems more like death! You've practiced this speech seven times-why can't you remember any of it? It helps if you look at a clock or the wall — anything but actual people.

By some miracle from heaven, you pull yourself together. You manage to get through it by chuckling as you imagine Mr. Mark VanDervort, a sophomore English teacher, in pink and green polka-dotted boxer shorts.

When you finish, you return to your seat and continue with a normal life ... at least until junior English teacher, Mrs. Dott VanDervort proclaims, "Class, your next book report will be an oral presentation." Gasp!



French class is a wonderful place to talk for Karen Heard and Paula Hopping

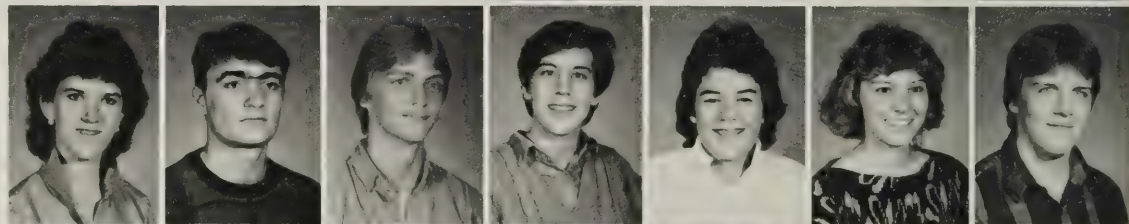
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Lisa Riggins
Thomas Roberts
Tony Roberts
Rachel Rodal
D'Arcy Rogers
Kimberly Ruehl
David Sammons



Billy Saulman
Thomas Saunders
Cheryl Schauer
Deanne Schlosser
Traci Schultz
Nina Seligman
Janet Sifuentes





After a hard U.S. History test in Ms. Becky Quinn's class, Chris Nadeau takes a break.



Emily Skora
Darren Smith
Miriam Smith
Sharon Smith
Ted Smith
David Southall
Tarek Stone

Lemuel Taylor
Michael Taylor
Elizabeth Tinsley
Lawrence Topping
Lucille Torres
Resha Townsend
Kelly Travis

Three, Two, One . . .

Counting down to a victory

Third place when freshmen, second when sophomores, and as juniors, the class of 1987 won the Homecoming float competition. Dee Dee Ward said, "We knew we could win so we set out to do just that." She said that several factors enabled them to win. One was that they began working on their float early, and another that they had a lot of support throughout the weeks of work.

During the week of September 16, the juniors quest for victory began. Titles and designs were planned. After a whole week of adjustments to their different designs, "No One Does It Like The Bull" was chosen. The next week about 15 juniors began to work on their float at Chris Duncan's house. By the end of the week, the

bull was almost complete, except for a few details.

September 30 was D-day in the seniors', sophomores', and freshmen's minds. The juniors arrived and they were almost finished. They had only the finishing touches to add. Of course, they still had to make the high school and the grass that covered the float, but the bull, the main part of their float, was complete.

When it was announced that the juniors had won the float competition, all who had worked on it were thrilled. They credit their success to teamwork, conscientious planning, and determination.

Dancing to the music, D'Arcy Rogers and Casey Bradberry show their own unique style.

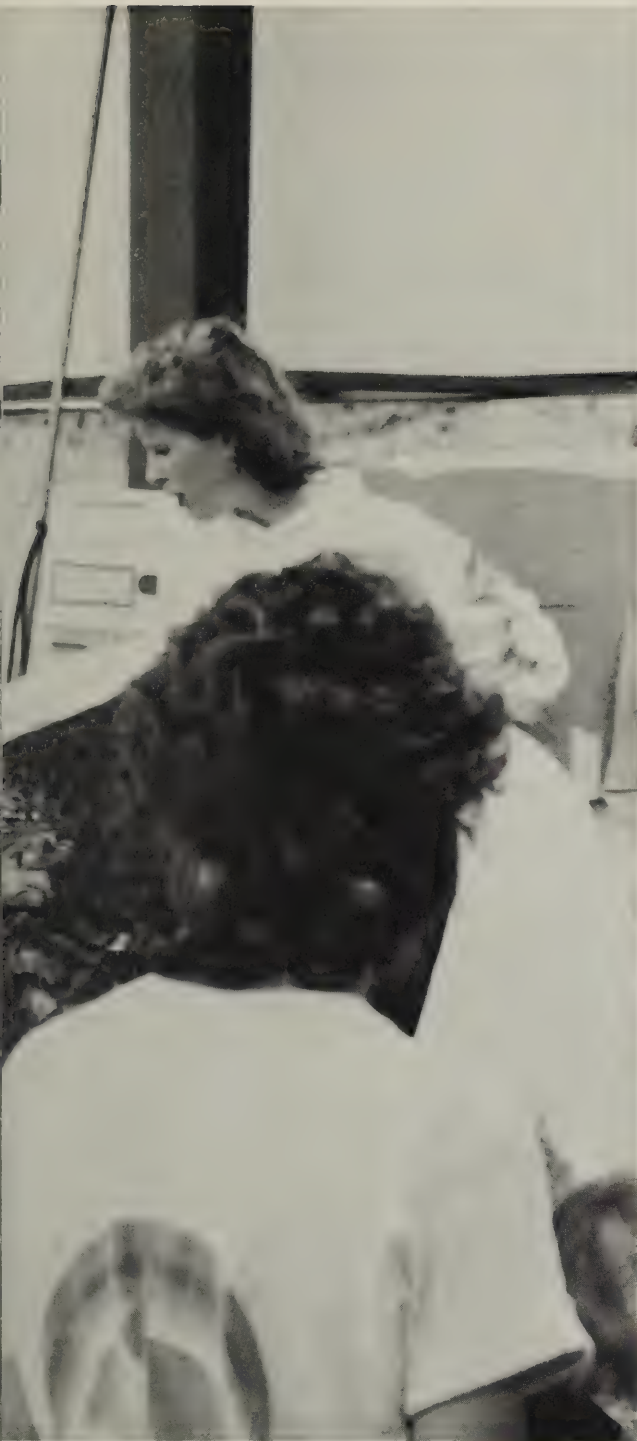


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Stephen Utley
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Rhonda Wagner



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Juli Walker
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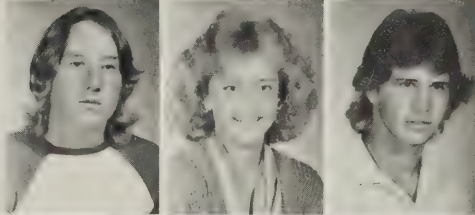
The Homecoming spirit catches Chris Duncan, Robbie Gallerani, and Faren Wolter working on the winning Homecoming float.



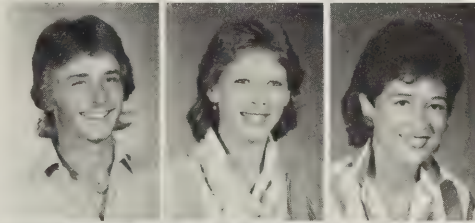
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Laurel Wissinger
Harvey Withrow



Rodney Withrow
Faren Wolter
Leanne Wood



Heather Wortham
Angela Wright
Bodina Wright



Eugene Wyrick
Pamela Yourey



About ready to fall asleep, Michelle Norsworthy tries to read **The Scarlet Letter** in Mrs. Sibbers' 3rd hour history class.

Identity Crisis



The sophomore class officers are president Brad Howard, vice-president Bruce McEwen, treasurer Laura Ward, secretary Brantlee Campbell.

Sophomores are known to have it rough in high school. They have a difficult time with identity crises. They are not old enough to be upperclassmen yet they are not the bottom of the barrel anymore.

Along with not being at the bottom anymore comes a lot of responsibility. Turning sixteen years old is a big deal. Being able to receive your driver's license is a major step in anyone's life.

Students expect a lot out of the sophomores when it comes to maturity. The upperclassmen begin to recognize the sophomores and give them responsibility in the social scene. Freshmen and people who can not drive begin to ask the sophomores for rides to different places. They are able to hold offices in the SCA, also.

Dating is another big privilege. Guys are finally able to drive their dates to the movies without mom or

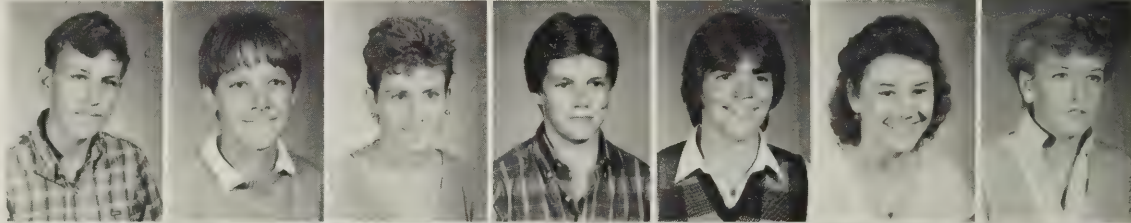
dad having to take them. To ask for the family car and pray that dad will let you have the keys is all a part of life. This is an overwhelming responsibility.

Teachers also believe in giving the sophomores responsibilities. Having to read extremely thick novels is not the most exciting thing to do.

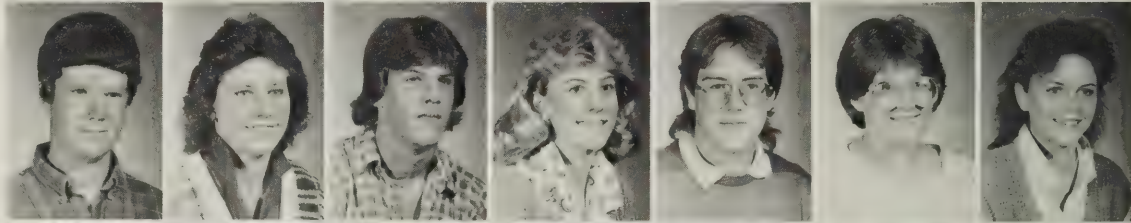
Rebecca, Jane Eyre, and Wuthering Heights are all at least three inches thick. Plus reading about the Romans is not as fun as it sounds. They lived in a different place a long time ago, why do we have to read about them?

Yes, being a sophomore is difficult but it is like seeing the light at the end of a tunnel or crawling out of a deep barrel. Next year they will be able to look back at this year and smile, but most of all, they will be grateful this year is behind them!

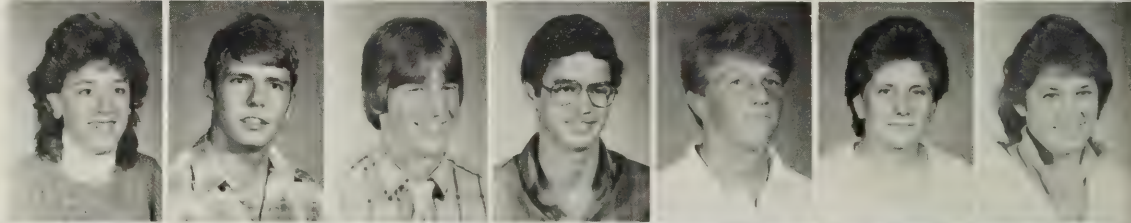
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Shana Bernache
Debbie Bickley



Dawn Binford
Timothy Blankenship
Bradley Bookwalter
Brad Borders
Greg Bottoms
Jennifer Boyer
Amy Bradley



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Kevin Burton
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Sharon Cannon
Alice Ann Carmines
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Darren Defendeifer

John DeHart
Teresa Dellinger
Katherin Derby
Karen Dickinson
Jeffrey Dickson
Douglas Diggs
James Diggs



Sophomores show their pride in the Homecoming parade. Their float won second place.

Surf's Up

It's like this ...

Me and my buddies like, you know were planning this totally awesome trip to go surfin'. We set out in the surf mobile at like four in the morning. My eyes were totally bloodshot because ya know there was like a totally bogus party the night before.

Headin' down 64 thinkin' about the totally awesome surf that awaits us at ... Nags Head. So like we're pretty thirsty for some waves because like the surf has been really lean if ya know what I mean.

First we hit Rodanthe pier for a couple of rides that were only waist to chest high and glassy. The crowd started gettin' like outrageous so we decided to move on down to Hatteras Lighthouse. The waves there were like totally awesome. We set out here to stay all day.

My first ride was a radical back side and I roller coastered not realizing this killer wave was coming over me. I went up to the top not like realizing ya know that the tip of the wave was rounding off in my face and it threw me under for about like three minutes. Finally I came up to the top and gasped for air. Like just mind-boggling — ya know?

So like afterwards I cruised down the beach and like I saw this hot looking fresh chick walking my way.

She said, "Like ya know I saw you ride that backside. Pretty hot."

And then like ya know we just like took it from there.

Homecoming week is full of spirit. Sophomore Matt Regan shows his school spirit by painting his face maroon and gold.





Working hard on the sophomore float during Homecoming week, Kim Mayo, Jenny Oakes, and Kathy Shields argue about their ideas.



Robin Diggs
Leonard Discenza
Katherine Draper
Barbara Emery
Tana Estes
Carol Evans
John Farmer

Lisa Ferguson
Derek Firman
Don Firman
Michael Firman
Wanda Firman
Randy Firth
Tammy Firth

Amy Fisher
George Ford
Stephen Forrest
Steve Forrest
Floyd Freeman
Ronda Freeman
William Freeman

Yvette Freeman
Monica Gaines
Susan Gardner
Tyler Gatewood
Tamara Geil
Nicole Griffith
Eric Grube

Christopher Hall
Conard Hamilton
Todd Hamrick
Lisa Hart
Myra Hault
Amy Hawkes
Lisa Hedin

The Final Countdown

The dance is tonight. I can't wait. I even went shopping and bought a new outfit. I'll make my grand entrance at 9:30 p.m. It's better to be late than early.

Everything runs smoothly. I'm ready by 9:20 p.m., so all I have to do is get a ride to the dance. Well, I'm not old enough to drive yet, so I'll have to ask one of my parents to take me.

We're almost there. I get out of the car in front of the school and see two of my friends walking toward me. Then they begin to laugh. I join in with them and ask them what's so funny, to which one of them replies, "You still have to have your mother take you places?" Suddenly my good mood changes to a not so good mood. I don't like to be the object of everyone's laughter because I'm not old enough to drive. I'll be awfully glad to get my license.

Well, I've finally got my learner's permit. Only four more months to go till my birthday. I'll soon have my driver's license. Then, it's so long Mom and Dad. I'll drive myself, thank you.

Now I'm down to two weeks. I've never been so anxious to get anything in my life as this little piece of paper that says I can drive, legally

that is. My mom is even going to let me leave early from school to go take my test.

Well I'm on my last week. Then I'll be able to come and go as I please, with Mom and Dad's permission, of course.

What's this I'm hearing about snow? No, it can't be. I'm supposed to go get my license tomorrow. It can't snow it just can't.

The alarm clock goes off at 6:00 a.m. I slowly get myself up and out of bed and I even manage to go to the window. Everything I see is white. I rub my eyes and look again. Sure enough, it snowed. Why is this happening to me? I go to turn on the radio. We don't have school. This just isn't my day. I'll have to wait until next week. I really don't believe this.

I finally get it. All this waiting is actually over. No more asking my parents to drive me everywhere. Tuesday at school, I walk by a poster that says there's going to be a dance this Saturday. When I get home, I ask my mom if she has any plans for the weekend. "No," she says, "Why?" "Well, I was just wondering. Could I have the car this Saturday night?"



While eating during first lunch, Christy Walker, Trisha Miller, Laura Ward, Susan Gardner, and Heather Smith discuss the latest fads.

Standing outside the gym, Scott Laske, Chrys Watts, Earl Woodruff, and Carol Evans talk about the spring musical.





Tracey Heitzig
Larry Henesey
Donna Herbener
Richard Hill

Jonathan Hirsch
Paul Hogge
Jennifer Holland
Ronald Holloway

Timothy Holloway
Mychele Horner
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Andrew Howard

Bradley Howard
Angela Huggins
Darrell Insley
Mark Jenkins

Gerry Jessup
Erika Jewett
Scott Johnson
Michael Jones

Tonya Juhl
Brian Kavanagh
Tracey Kennedy
Charlotte Kirkpatrick

Melanie Kirsch
Richard Kist
Tim Kohrer
Shirley Krieger

Scott Laske
Jamison Leake
Michael Leatherman
Christy Lee

Siblings

Having siblings in school can be a big pain or a great joy. Sophomores who have older brothers and sisters in school have a mixture of feelings.

"I love the rides," replied Laura Ward. "It's nice to be taken to school and not have to ride the bus."

Most people really don't mind having siblings in the high school with them. Stacey Overbay said that she doesn't mind her brother, Brian, being at school with her at all.

Along with liking the rides, they also like to have an older brother or sister to stick up for them, and to talk to them about things, they just can't tell their friends.

On the other hand, there are students who hate having their siblings at school. Competition is given as the main reason. Another reason is the tattling that goes on between brothers and sisters.

Whether or not these students minded their siblings at school, they do all admit sharing the common bond of love.



With jewelry as a new fad, Tracey Kennedy pins a gold brooch on her friend Leigh Barr.

Connie Little
David Loomis
Lillian Lucas



Scott Lutz
Sharon Manor
Amanda Martin



Gregory Martin
Lance Martin
Christine Martino





Sally May
Charles Mayfield
Kimberly Mayo
Bruce McEwen
Jennifer McGlohn
Robin McNeely
Shelly Melpolder

Kristi Messier
John Miles
Patricia Miller
James Miskell
James Moore
John Moore
Karen Moore

Kathryn Moore
Amy Morgan
Monica Morse
Steven Norton
Jennifer Oakes
Alissa Oakley
Keith Ossa

Stacey Overbay
Charles Owen
Michael Park
Shannon Payne
Mathew Phelps
Leigh Pinson
Garrett Pressick

Heidi Priore
Amy Pritchard
Tracy Pugh
Matthew Regan
Douglas Rensing
Dean Rhea
Jerry Rhea



Cynthia Robins
Stacey Robins
Bonny Rollins

Raymond Rollins
Tricia Ronat
Karen Rosengrant

Clifton Rowe
Melissa Rowe
Aaron Sander

Sophomores get rowdy during the Homecoming pep rally.

Sound Familiar?

"You used all the hot water; don't use my makeup; that's my sweater; get out of the bathroom; wait for me." Sound familiar?

It's 6:00. The alarm's blaring, time to get up. "Get up, legs move," the brain says, but it just doesn't happen that way. Getting up is usually a long process that almost always makes a person late. Okay now ... I'm in the shower. Ooh ... nice warm water trickling down my back. I feel so relaxed. Maybe I'll go back to bed. No, I can't. I've got to go to school. My thoughts are suddenly interrupted by the voice of my sister screaming. "Hurry up! I've got to get ready, too," Muttering unkind words, I drag myself from the shower. I go to my room to put on my clothes. All of a sudden I hear a scream. "Ah! You used all the hot water." "Who cares?" I think to myself, "I'm older."

Let's work on the hair. Hair is rolled

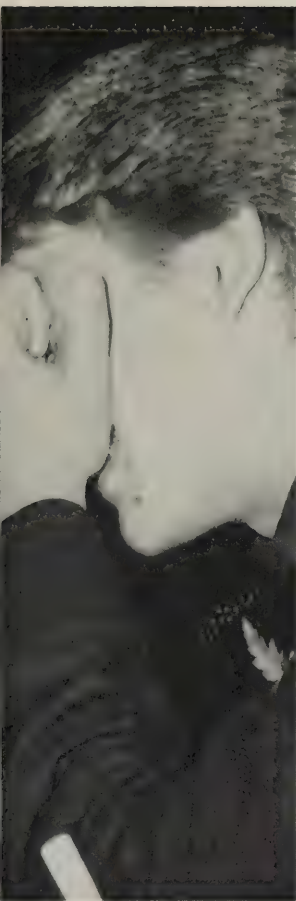
and in place. I make my bed and get everything together. My sister walks through the door to ask if she could borrow some earrings. I should say no, but I'll kill her with kindness. I turn around, "... Where did you get that? I never said you could wear that. It's my favorite." "I know, but we wouldn't want Mom to know about this weekend." "Ohh, you make me so angry!" I throw the earrings at her. Hair does fine, suprisingly, and I'm ready to go. "I'm leaving everyone. Bye." "Wait for me! I want a ride." Little sisters — what a pain. Finally we're in the car and off to school. What a relief.

"Honey! Honey! Get up for school! It's 6:45. You overslept." Honestly, now does this sound familiar?

Eating dinner at Bennigans, Christine Martino and Daren Defendeifer flirt behind the centerpiece.



Hoping the other team doesn't make a basket, Greg Bottoms watches Jeff Wells intensely.



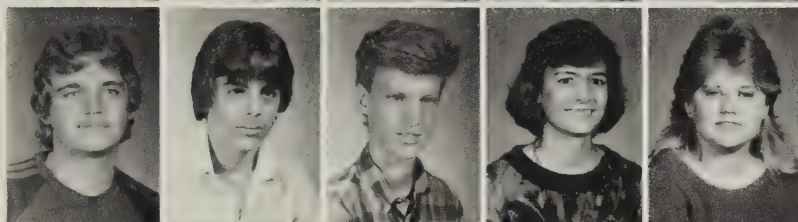
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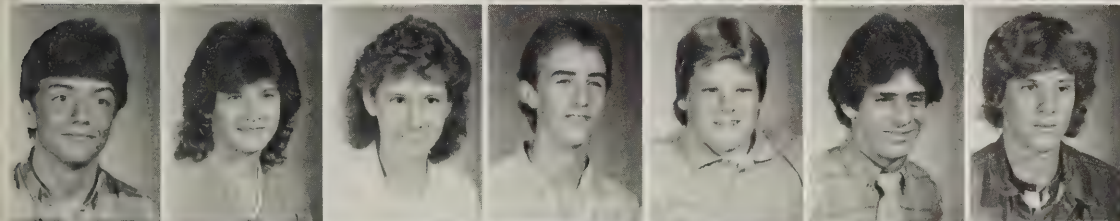
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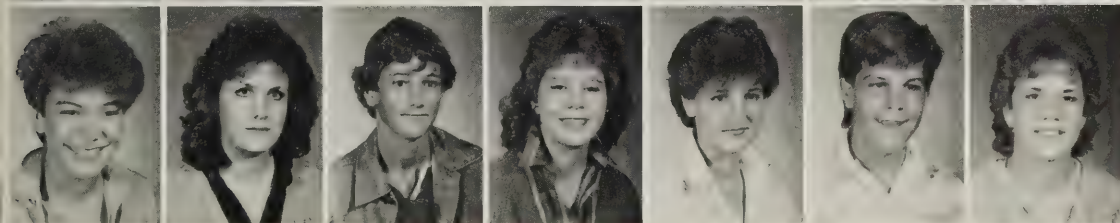
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Claudia Walker
Laura Ward
Margaret Warren



Bradley Watkins
Crystal Watts
Beth Weatherly
Jeffrey Wells
James Williams
Kenny Williams
Lennie Williams



Nathanya Willis
Victoria Wilson
Jamie Winder
Jacqueline Windley
Michelle Woodard
Earl Woodruff
Barbara Yetzer

... A New Life

"Get out of the way!" "Can't you walk?!" "You're such a freshman!" These are words that most freshmen hear their first year in high school.

"Being a freshman to me is a start of a new life in a new school, meeting new students and making new friends, having fun in class and just being myself," said Steve White. On the other hand, Ann Frost thinks being a freshman is, "like World War II." "Being a freshman can be a very difficult thing at times. The change in the school environment from immature middle schoolers, to mature and more sophisticated kids in high school is also difficult, but a learning experience. I also like the freedom I get in being in high school," remarked John Check. Christy Cissa feels, "Being a freshman has its ups and downs. An up is seeing all the babes and a down is people saying

'Oh gosh, a freshman!' That's embarrassing." "It's not as bad as I thought it would be. If you act mature, people don't think of you as a freshman," Gina Puryear said with a grin.

Most of the freshman's opinions range from one extreme to the other. "Being a freshman isn't so bad but you still get banged around in the hall, but it's a lot of fun!" replied Michele Olson as she rubbed her arm and moved away from the wall. Danielle Trombetta has a slightly different point of view, "Being a freshman isn't as bad as I thought it would be. I have gotten to meet a lot of really nice people, but I'd rather be a senior — or at Tabb."

Freshmen aren't as bad as some upperclassmen think, although high school doesn't seem to be all it's wrapped up to be for the freshmen in their first year of high school.



The freshmen class officers are president Robert Henesey, vice-president Angie Claussen, secretary Robbie Fixx, and treasurer Julie Laske.

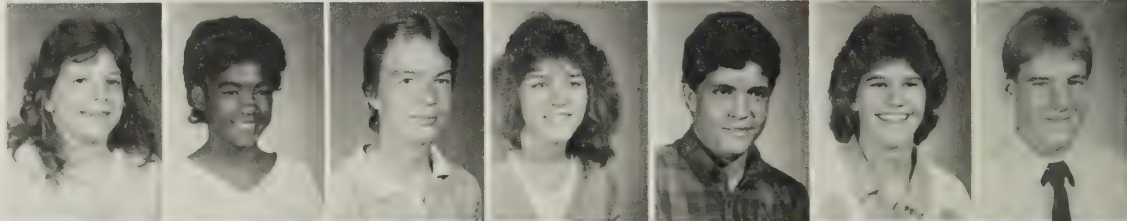
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Sherry Campbell





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Janine Dade
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Michael Dillabough

Paul DiPippa
Mark Dossett
Jeffrey Duncan
Gregory Edwards
Kelly Edwards
Candice Eisman
Christine Evans



Freshmen PE classes always begin with roll call. During Mrs. Frances Potts's 5th hour class, Kevin Weis waited patiently for his name to be called.

To and Fro

It takes friends . . .

To many freshmen it seems like you're always the underdog. Not being able to drive and get everywhere you want to go concerns many of them. Yet to many freshmen who know that turning 16 is only a year or so away, it really doesn't present much of a problem.

Robert Tinsley said, "I either ride my bike or get one of my older friends to take me where I need to go." John Check and David Britt made sure to make friends who could drive. Troy Miller has older friends who drive him around also, but he prefers to "run for good health," or he tries mental telepathy, even though it never works.

A few privileged freshmen like Danielle Trombetta, Julie Laske, Robert Henesey, and Terry Ilesman have boyfriends or girlfriends to take them from place to place.

Although some freshmen have to rely on friends, quite a few have relatives who agree to play chauffeur. "Thank God for my brother," Sherry Campbell said, "he is so sweet.

Whenever I really need to go somewhere, he volunteers to take me there." Michelle Finch said, "My mom usually takes me where I need to go, but every once in a while my

cousin, Scott Wiggins, will take me to dances and things like that."

It is not always too bad being the underdog, especially when you have someone old enough to drive to help you get by.

Lectures in the Forum seem to be very interesting, according to Todd Lawson, who smiles as he listens with great interest to Mr. Mike Mousietis.



Ronald Evans
Shannon Evans
Shannon Fay
Shawn Fertitta
Michelle Finch
Heather Firman
Roberta Fixx

C.S. Fleenor
Geraldine Flynn
William Ford
Andrea Forrest
Jennifer Forrest
Catherine Foster
Davis Freeman

Stephan French
Anne Frost
Christopher Frost
Christopher Fuller
Vincent Gallerani
Terri Gann
Amy Gatewood



While learning to play basketball, Amy Deans tries to make a basket to help her team win in Mrs. Frances Pott's 5th class.



Natalie Giglio
 Matt Goodall
 Maxwell Goode
 Jason Goodman
 Paula Goudelock
 Meil Gray
 Charles Hackney

Rachel Hanson
 Christine Hargrave
 William Healy
 Arthur Heezen
 William Heitzig
 Robert Henesey
 Wesley Hill

Primetime

There are a multitude of things that a person can do after school. Even freshmen have practices, watch soap operas, and have other extracurricular activities.

Steve White said, "All I ever do is go to wrestling practice." While Andrea Miller does "nothing at all," Stephany Sczupel has a different idea of "fun" after school, "I watch my soap operas or I babysit the brats across the street."

Some freshmen have their whole afternoon scheduled out, like Karen Parr; "I go to cheerleading practice, watch my soap, do some more homework, then go to bed."

Earl Woodruff either has band practice, play practice, or forensics practice — practice, practice, practice. Sometimes he stays after school to receive help from his teachers or he might just hang out with his friends.

Some other things to do are to "talk on the phone a lot," like Cameron Abbott, or wait around in the school for your brother to take you home, like Vinnie Gallerani.

And then there are some freshmen who sleep, like Troy Miller.

All in all, there are a great number of activities to do after school. the class of 89 seems to do it all, just like everyone else.

Showing his awesome basketball skill, Jeff Rutledge dribbles the ball during Mr. John Kain's 4th hour gym class.

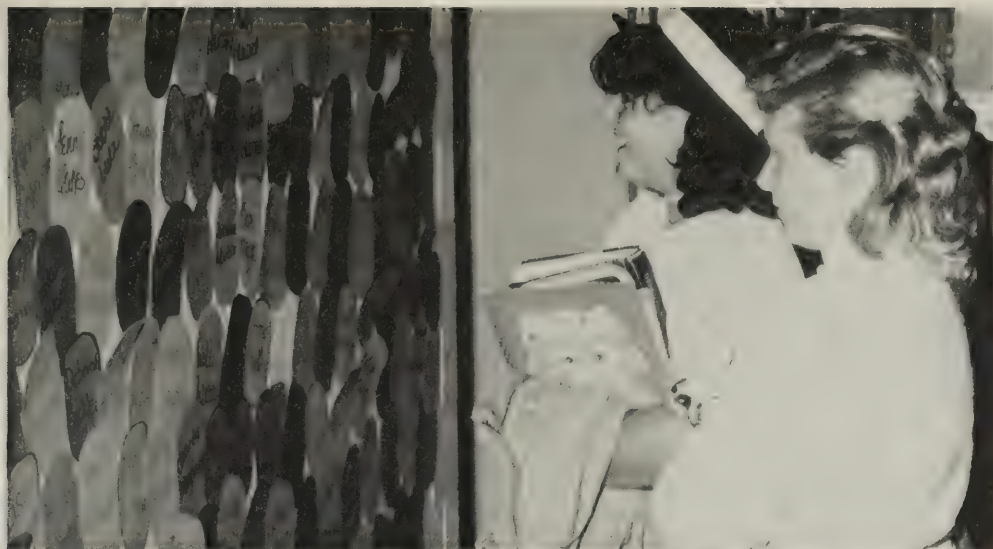


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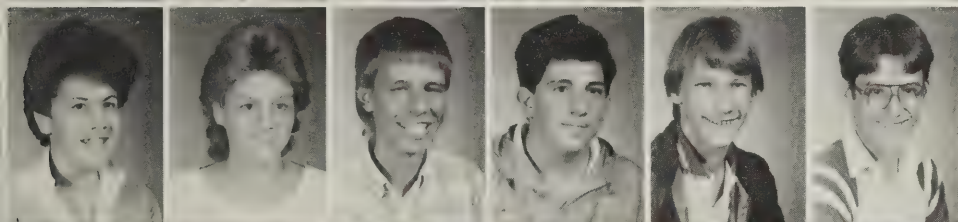




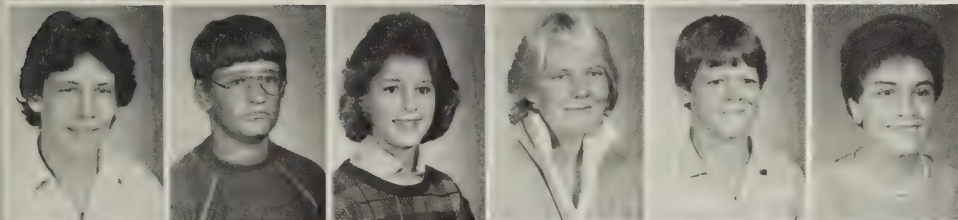
The sophomore balloons at Homecoming catch the interest of freshmen Lori Topping and Connie Yarrington.



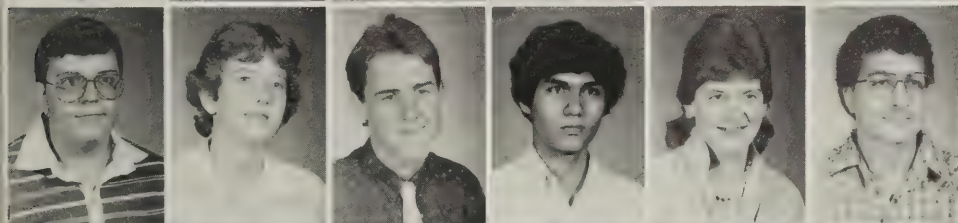
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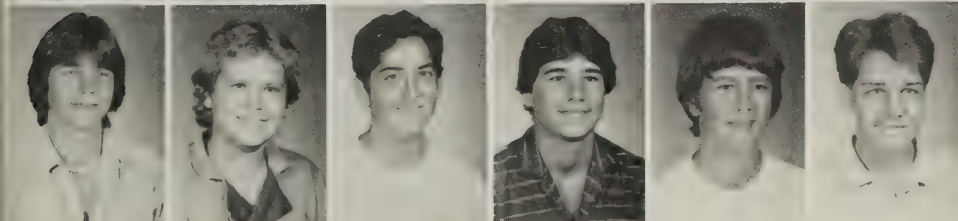
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C.P. Meadows



Matt Mendez
Andrea Mercer
John Miles
Andrea Miller
Raymond Miller
Laura Milton



Derek Moore
Gregory Moore
Patrick Moore
Steven Moore
Steven Mungo
Shane Murray

Freshmen Initiation

So this is high school, crowded halls, small lockers, tough teachers, and hard classes, but most of all responsibility

It's a new life in a new school with a new bunch of people. Many of them act like they know what they are doing, we underclassmen have to struggle just to get in the groove of things, while to catch life seems to be the normal way for the upperclassmen. To hang in there is what most of us are trying to do to survive.

Being a freshman is sometimes rough. It seems like a lifetime before our day of glory in 1989 when we walk across the stage and receive our diplomas.

So far most classes seem harder, reading everything from **Romeo and Juliet** to **West Side Story**, while **Great Expectations** is what all of us are dreaming about. Just who are Zues and Medusa who live on Mt. Olympus? Why do we rack our brains trying to learn everything when we probably will not use the information again in our lives?

Between classes, Daniel Watson, Derek Watson, and Derek Moore tell Julie Bartram a funny story.

Sports is a totally different story. Playing the game isn't all you do. There is practice, and after practice the upperclassmen make you go through initiation. They give you things such as swirlies and wedgies; they throw you into cold showers, or they pick you up and put you in a large mud puddle. They are so nice that they even make sure that you are covered from head to toe with wet dirt.

Being a freshman isn't all that bad, at least we have something to look forward to . . . being an upperclassman.

While working on the float, Julie Bartram laughs at the ideas that other freshmen are thinking of.



Poppy O'Brian
Jeffrey Ohlinger
Michele Olson
Shannon O'Neill

Kevin Pankoke
Susan Parkinson
Karen Parr
Richard Pena

Jeff Porter
Andrea Powell
Reagan Pressick
Regina Puryear



As Shannon Fay plays her flute in the last pep rally, she keeps an intense eye on Mr. Tim Smith.



Bill Pylaris
James Rabb
Kathryne Rackley
Jo Anne Rathbone
Lara Rhorer
Sean Riley
Deborah Rollins

Joseph Rollins
Kristi Rosengrant
John Rowe
Lisa Rutkowski
William Rutledge
David Saunders
Jennifer Sayer

Sherry Scott
Donna Shackelford
Joey Shackelford
James Shaw
Dana Silver
Jeffrey Smith
Jennifer Smith

Renee Smith
Michael Solga
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Stefanie Szupet
Dorothy Tasillo
Matt Taylor

Robert Thompson
Robert Tinsley
C.H. Topping
Lori Topping
Carlos Torres
Kari Townsend
John Trantham



In a recent lunch block, freshmen Michelle Finch, Danielle Trombetta, Kari Townsend, and David Britt, enjoy the fried chicken lunch.

Life after school?

When all the ninth grade students begin their freshman year, it comes as a shock to them to discover all the things besides classes that go on here at school. There are many afterschool activities to participate in. Sports, clubs, and other organizations are offered to the school newcomers. However, they soon realize how busy and hectic any extracurricular activity can be and the effect it can have on grades.

Though these afternoon gatherings may cause one to have a heavy schedule, they do have benefits. Joining a club or playing a sport is a great way for freshmen to meet new people. Most likely, these people will have similar hobbies and interests if they are part of the same organizations.

It helps the freshmen to know students who have already been in

high school for at least a year. This makes the adjustments of high school life easier.



While eating lunch, Paula Yourey wonders how hard Mrs. Linda DuBose's test will be.

Michael Travis
Danielle Trombetta
Katie Tucker
Angela Ulisse
Eric Umstead
Brian VanDevender



Ami VanDeventer
Michael Vemall
Terri Verstynen
Brandon Wade
Gregory Walker
Bobby Watkins



Karla Watkins
Jenny Watlington
Daniel Watson
Kevin Weis
Jeremy West
Robert West



David Westerfield
Tad Weston
Jeremy White
Steve White
David Willcox
Alan Williams





After a long morning, Anne Frost finally gets ready to eat her lunch, only to be confronted by her friends Kevin Haipien, Terry Gann, and Rachel Hanson.



The topic was boyfriends, as Laura Milton and Michelle Finch took a break from Mr. Mike Mousetis's health class in the Forum.



Dana Williams
Amy Wilson
Bernadette Wilson
George Woodhouse
Joseph Wornom

Hunter Wortham
Jason Xinos
Connie Yarrington
Paula Yourey
Denise Zamostny

Evans Takes Over

On the eve of June 11, 1949, Olen Evans graduated from Poquoson High School. Little did he know, only thirty-six years later, he would become the principal of the same school. "The buck stops here," jested Mr. Olen Evans after being hired as principal.

The only change that took place by hiring Mr. Olen Evans as principal was that students were given as much freedom as possible. Other changes were very minute. Enthusiasm was really stressed. Referring to it, Mr. Olen Evans commented early in the year, "I feel it is already on the rise, and I hope more students will get involved in some of the activities." Mr. Olen Evans had stressed activities because involvement in school doesn't mean just sports. There were many

community activities that revolved around or took place in school. After school, students sometimes sat in the commons area for a social hour. Mr. Olen Evans wanted to see students enjoy school.

"If we take twelve years of someone's time, we want them to leave saying something positive about us," he said.

Even though Mr. Evans stressed the importance of activities and fun, he said the main purpose of school was to provide as good an education as possible. He thought that it is very important to be a satisfied student, enthusiastic about school.

Mr. Evans commented, "I hope each senior learns as many new things as I expect to this year," when asked about his first year as principal.

Mr. Olen Evans has been an important part of PHS for a long time. As a PE teacher, he was head baseball and JV basketball coach as well as being assistant coach for the football and basketball teams.

Mr. Olen Evans was hired in 1968 as the assistant principal but he continued with many of his coaching duties, "as long as I could," he said.

In his years in the school, he has seen "PHS at very low and very high points." He feels that "our faculty and administration has been key factors with their decisions on the issues surrounding the school that at the time caused controversy and moral status and policy changes."

Overall, Mr. Olen Evans saw a "bright outlook" for the years to come.

In the gym, Mrs. Dott VanDervort and Tyna Sloate discuss the names of the clubs whose pictures had not been taken.

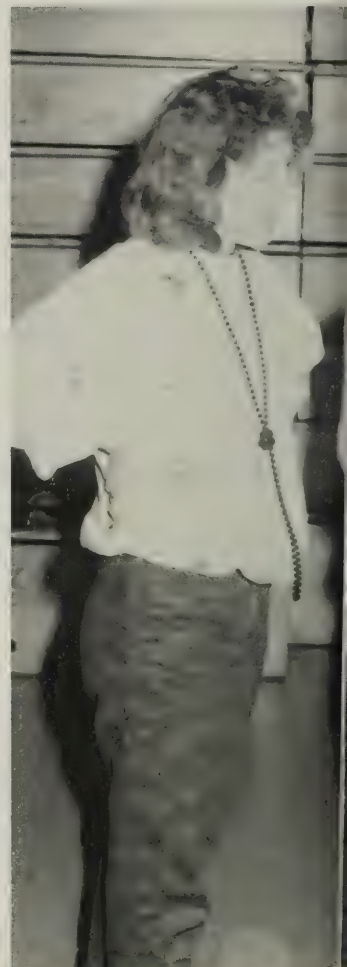
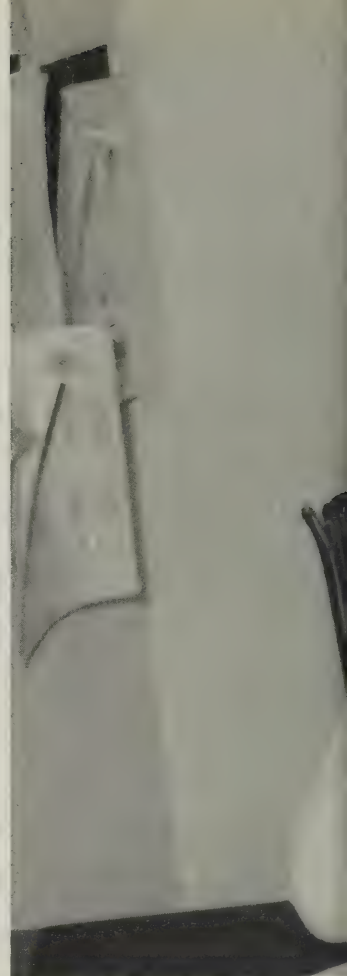
Mr. Olen Evans — Principal



Mr. David Hinds — Assistant Principal

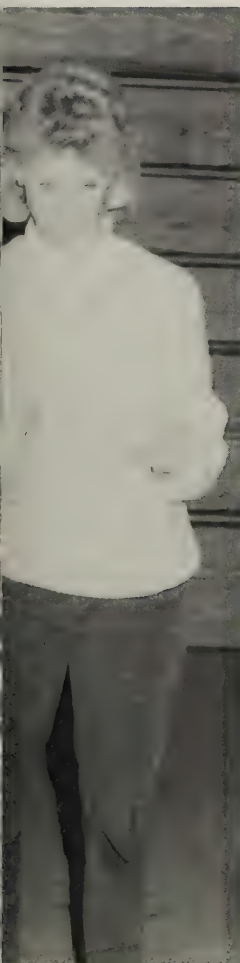


Mr. Roger Tomlinson — Assistant Principal





Excited about his promotion to principal, Mr. Olen Evans gladly smiled for the camera while seated in his office.



Mrs. Betty Duty — Secretary
Mrs. Cora Everhart — Bookkeeper
Mrs. Ray Verser — Nurse



Mrs. Marie Dryden — Director of Guidance
Mrs. Judy McCormick — Guidance counselor
Mrs. Ginny Napier — Guidance counselor



Mrs. Kitty Phillips — Guidance secretary
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Mrs. Judy Topping — Library aide

Way Back When

Alumni of PHS

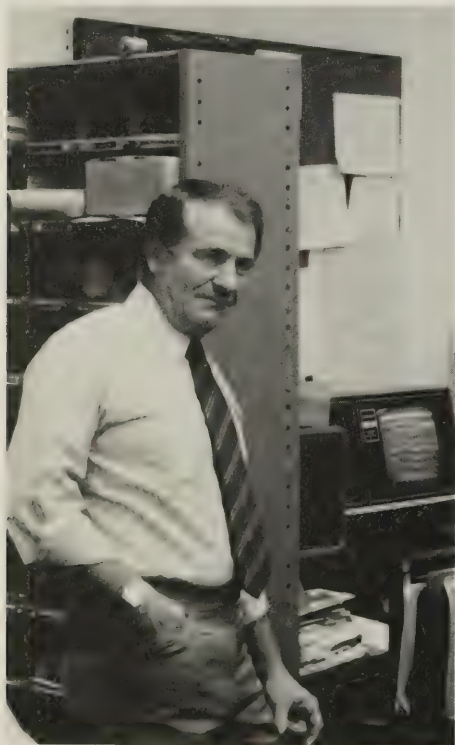
The year is 1949, Olen Evans just scored the winning touchdown against Great Bridge. Many other teachers once roamed the school as students. Their high school was located on Poquoson Avenue, where the middle school is now.

Back in those days they had many school activities such as there are today. Sports played a major role in student life. Various dances such as Sadie Hawkins, Homecoming, and the Prom took place. There were pageants, plays, and clubs. Just as many activities went on then as there are now.

Many of the teachers in the school today once attended this school and participated in the various activities.

It's hard to believe that Mr. Olen Evans was once head captain of the football team in 1949 and 1950. Mrs. Jeanine Sibbers won the first Miss Poquoson Pageant in 1960. Mrs. Debbe Goddin cheered on the varsity team from 1966 to 1968 when she was in school. Miss Becky Quinn, through consistent studying, became valedictorian of her class in 1973. Mrs. Francis Potts played basketball and averaged 20-25 points a game. Other teachers at school also attended as students and participated in sports, clubs, and other activities.

It might be interesting to see which present students will be teachers here in the future years to come.



Taking a break from his busy schedule, Mr. Olen Evans relaxes in the main office.

At the SCA Christmas party, Mrs. Karen Burr and Mrs. Lisa Quinlan discuss their Christmas plans while their children wait impatiently.





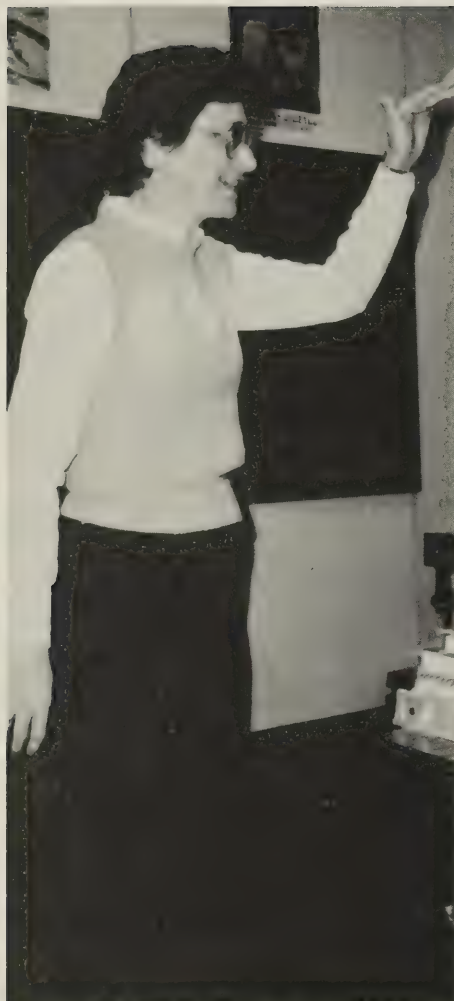
As Mrs. Joan Wynn looks off into the lobby, Mrs. Betty Duty plans a menu for their day off.



Mrs. Rose Anderson — French I and II
Mr. George Beahm — EMR, SADD, Adult Education Director
Mrs. Karen Burr — Spanish I, French I
Mrs. Linda DuBose — English 9

Mrs. Bonnie Fay — English 12, A.P. English, English Dept. Chairperson, Head Senior Sponsor
Mr. Tom Fay — Spanish II, III, IV, V, Language Dept. Chairperson, Tidewater Challenge
Mr. John Forrest — English 9 and 10
Mrs. Joyce Gaines — Chemistry, Consumer Chemistry, Biology, Science Club

Mr. Rick Gardner — MDE I, II, III, DECA, Head Football coach
Mrs. Peggy Garner — Physics, Geometry, Math Analysis, SCA
Mr. Bob Gemmill — Biology, Adv. Biology, Soccer coach, Gymnastics coach
Mrs. Debbe Goddin — English 10



Leading her class into the next lesson, Mrs. Karen Burr flashes her encouraging smile.

Stapling her worksheets together, Mrs. Helen Small prepares for her French IV class to arrive.



- Ms. Jamie Hall — Elem. Functions, Algebra II,
Algebra I Phase I and II
- Mr. Greg Hopkins — Math II, US/VA History,
Cons. Math
- Mr. Larry Hoskins — Pwr/Trans., Eng/Pwr.,
Construction
- Mrs. Denise Junghans — Wld. Geography,
Wld. History, Softball coach, Asst.
Cheerleading coach



Apple Grades

Putting Report Cards All Together

"What is this strange piece of paper?" This question was asked in almost every class on November 13, 1985, at approximately 8:25 a.m. Questions were in all minds. Confusion was in all classes. Why? The new computerized report cards had come out.

Mr. David Hinds relieved the students' and the teachers' minds when he came on the intercom and explained the basics about them. He informed the students that the grades were done and averaged by class and subject. He said that the teachers could select two out of 110 comments for each student. The students found the new system easy to understand.

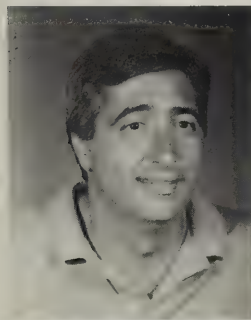
"For the first time, the parents and the students could see how they were doing in all of their classes and they could see how they were doing compared to the other students on one sheet of paper," said Mr. Hinds.

Many of the teachers liked them also. Mrs. Helen Small liked them because it was all on one card and by using the computer, it made it easier for the teachers. They didn't have to write out long comments plus the overall time spent doing the report cards was cut by hours. Mrs. Brenda Winstead liked the fact that they were all on one sheet. She was used to getting them that way when she was in school. Mrs. Mary Beth Leavitt said that they were O.K. but she did

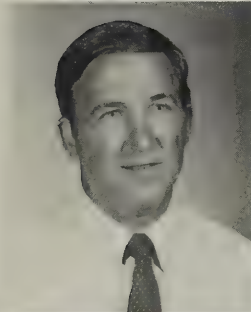
not like that she could not show the number grade. Many teachers agreed that one disadvantage was having to turn the grades in sooner.

The new report card system was much more advanced than the old system but it still was not perfect. Out of the 110 comments available to the teachers, many repeated themselves in different words so the list was going to be revised.

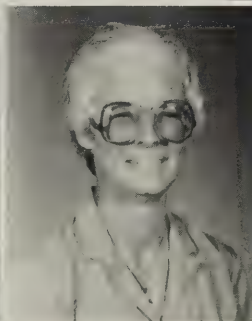
With these report cards, there was no hassle with six different papers to lose. These were not able to be changed. The students did not bother their teachers to get the report card as soon as they got to class. The new system of grading has worked out very well.



Mr. John Kain — Health and P.E. 9 and 10, Baseball coach
Mrs. Sandy Katz — English 11, Speech, Forensics
Mrs. Barbara Keech — US/VA Govt., Social Studies Dept. Chairperson
Mrs. Rita Kehoe — English 12



Mr. Fred Kimsey — I.C.T. I and II, VICA
Mrs. Janet Knight — Algebra II, Geometry
Mrs. Mary Beth Leavitt — Chemistry, Adv. Chemistry, Key Club
Ms. Christina Lepi — Geometry, Algebra II, Calculus, SCA



Mrs. Dot Little — Chorus, Jazz Chorus
Mrs. Ronnie Magoon — Bus. Intro., Bus. Computer Appl., Photo. I, FBIA
Mr. John Mousetis — Earth Science, Asst. Wrestling coach, Asst. Track coach
Mr. Mike Mousetis — P.E./Health 9, Adap. P.E., Wrestling coach

Teachers in Transit

While walking down the hall to your next class you probably remember one of the few and very unlucky teachers who did not have their own classroom. Most of their time in between classes was spent trying to successfully get to their next class before the bell.

Since there was a shortage of classrooms, these teachers went back and forth transporting their unmarked papers, ungraded tests, and books on drab metal rolling carts. The carts were very small in size, and as usual teachers had too many papers. This created a problem steering and pushing the carts through the crowded halls. Many times, a line of students pushing and shoving and of

course, yelling behind the irritating obstacles could be seen.

Fortunately, not many teachers fell under this category. The few who did, however, would rather have been without the inconvenience. Mrs. Denise Junghans said, "It is awful and I wish sometimes the carts had horns on them, not to mention a few traffic lights so people would move out of my way."

It was not surprising to hear the comment from Mrs. Denise Junghans, many of the other teachers felt the same way. Mrs. Heda Quillin said, "They are heavy and dangerous. I'm always afraid I'm going to run over somebody's foot."

Mr. Dave Nelson — Govt., Athletic Director,
Boys/Girls Basketball, Varsity Club
Mr. Mo Odenwalder — Math, Biology, Asst.
Football coach



Mrs. Sharon Pauls — Health and P.E. 10, Adv.
P.E., SADD, Head Junior Sponsor
Mrs. Beth Pirtle — Accounting, Typing, FBLA



Mrs. Frances Potts — Health and P.E. 9 and
10, P.E. Dept. Chairperson
Mrs. Heda Quillin — Dev. Reading, English 11





Ms. Becky Quinn — Economics, US/VA History, Model UN
Mr. Tommy Quinn — Algebra I and II, Trig., Math Dept. Chairperson



Mrs. Barbara Rich — Resource, Head Sophomore Sponsor, Cheerleading
Mrs. Nancy Rowley — Spanish I and II



Mrs. Ann Semeyn — Office Sup./Mgt., Office Tech I, Typing, FBLA, Business Dept. Chairperson, key Club
Mrs. Jeannine Sibbers — US/VA History, Model UN



Unlike her previous years at PHS, Mrs. Denise Junghans must push a cart through the halls between classes, while students make the task more difficult.

Our Cafeteria Staff: Mrs. Myra Champ, Mrs. Arlene West, Mrs. Sarah Moore, Mrs. Virginia Rollins, Mrs. Betty Ragsdale, Mrs. Opal Carr, and Mrs. Paulette Evans.

First Time Out

What do sweaty palms, weak knees, butterflies, and anticipation have to do with your high school teachers? Yes, your teachers went through these nervous symptoms when they asked their future spouses to go out on a date for the first time.

Most teachers met their future spouse at college. Mr. Mark and Mrs. Dott VanDervort met at their first away basketball game where she cheered and he played. They were both freshmen and she had his name in one of the cheers.

Mr. Tom and Mrs. Bonnie Fay met at William and Mary College. Mr. Fay best remembers the basketball game that they went to see. William and Mary won the game over Virginia Tech, which was a rarity. Mrs. Fay remembers going out to eat at the Aberdeen Barn.

After taking his wife home after their first date, Mr. Bob Gemmill felt

like he really didn't like her so he didn't ask her out again for a year.

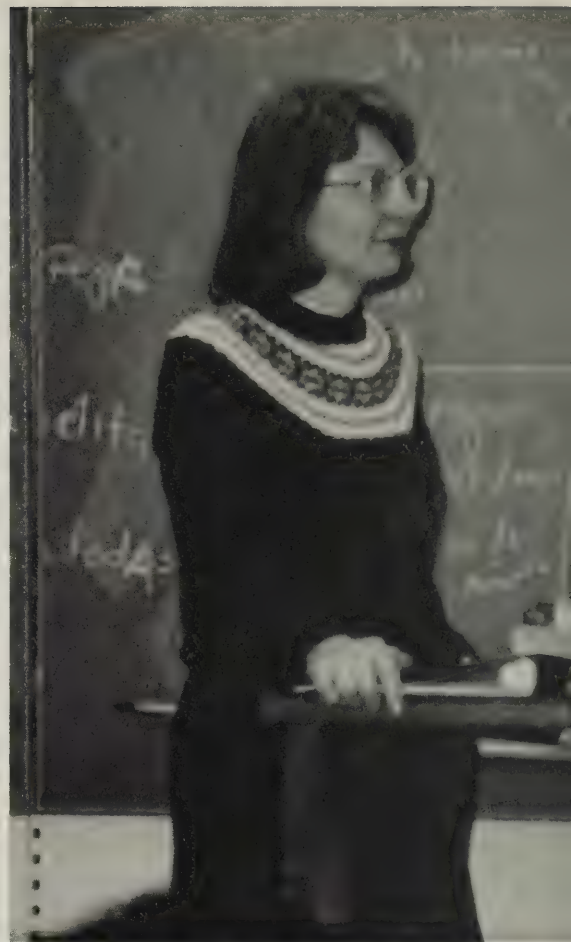
Mrs. Mary Beth Leavitt met her husband when he went out with a younger friend of hers. She and her date doubled with them so she could make sure he treated her friend properly.

Mr. Scott and Mrs. Gail laRue disagree about kissing on the first date. He persistently tried to kiss her and she made sure he did not succeed.

Mrs. Christine Lepi did not like her husband when she first started dating him, but still continued to date him.

Mrs. Peggy Garner had known her spouse since childhood. Later in high school, they double-dated with friends.

So you might want to remember those important first dates because you never know who may become your mate.



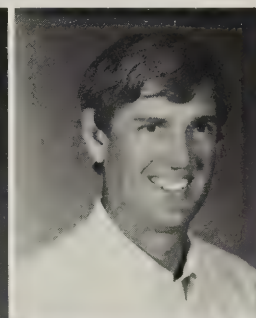
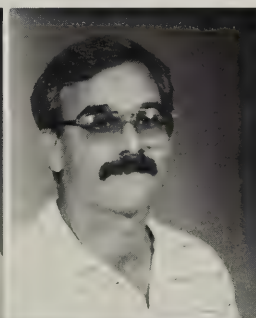
Our custodians, Mr. Phil Miller and Mr. M.J. Firman take a break in the main office.

With a grin on her face, Mrs. Peggy Garner explains the math analysis homework on the overhead projector to her second hour class.

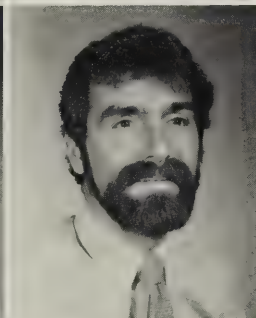




Mr. Tom Fay and Mrs. Bonnie Fay meet between classes to discuss the Tidewater Challenge team.



Mrs. Helen Small — French II, III, IV, V,
Debate, NHS
Mr. Ed. Spain — Tech. Drawing, Boy's Tennis
Mrs. Marie Sprout — Art I, II, III, IV
Mr. Craig Stallings — Wild Hist.



Mrs. Dot VanDervort — English 11, Yearbook
Mr. Mark VanDervort — Journalism I and II,
English 10, Boy's JV Basketball, Girl's JV
Basketball, Newspaper
Mrs. Brenda Winstead — Typing, Off. Tech,
Word Process., Girls' Tennis, COE, FBLA
Mrs. Joan Wynn — Home Ec., Family
Mang't., FHA



Mrs. Carol Zak — Resource

Not Pictured

Gail LaRue
Scott LaRue
Lisa Quinlan
Tim Smith
Bernie Wright



The homecoming pep rally excited Mike Logsdon, Jack McCartney, Scott Hahn, and John Leach into leading a spirited group of seniors.

A representative from Computer Images sold T-shirts, calendars, and other items to the students before the Christmas break.



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"Amadeus, Amadeus, rock me Amadeus!" The chorus continued to blare from the ghettoblaster of the lone figure strolling down the main road in the late afternoon sun. A car whizzed by. As he stared at the fading taillights, he thought it was a rather nice-looking German-made car. What year it was or what type of engine it had he knew not, for he knew nothing of the car. Maybe it wasn't even German. Vaguely he wondered what it would be like to be informed about the things people bought.

He realized as he looked down at his neon yellow sweatshirt and faded bluejeans that he didn't even know whether his pants were Levi's or Calvin Klein and that, for all he knew, his shirt could be from a garage sale. He'd been looking for labels on his clothes for years but the only thing he'd found were the price tags. As he looked up, he realized he was standing in front of the restaurant, its plain white facade staring back at him. He entered the building and sat down at a booth near the window. He ordered "the usual" and sat there staring at the drab interior of the restaurant. He wondered idly if the proprietors had ever thought of giving the ol' place a name. When he thought about it, it was pretty boring. The place was like his own house, sorta ordinary looking. It really had no appeal and besides, no one really knew about it unless they'd been there before. But what do you expect, everything was like that in that town. They had to accept what they had because they had never heard about anything better.

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Rushing to the buses, Kim Anderson, Karen Moore, Nancy Lawson, and Lenny Williams feel relieved that another day of school is over.



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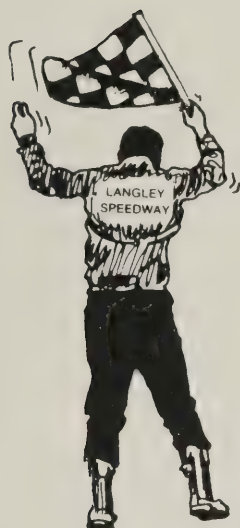
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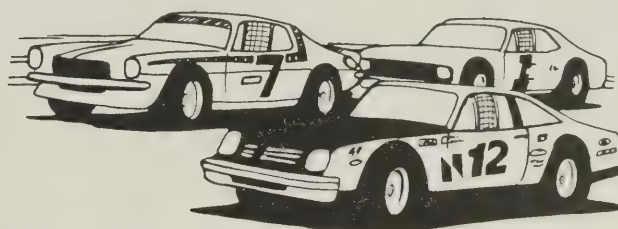
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The tan from a bed is a couple layers deep so it should last longer. Since the tan is deeper, doctors fear premature wrinkling and skin damage. Doctors feel staying tan all year causes even further damage.

Doctors are also worried about eye injuries. Tanning salons should provide protective goggles so eye injuries can be prevented. Skin cancer later in life and frequent cold sores are also other worries.

Tanning salons should analyze the skin tone and make sessions and time exposure in a tanning bed according to skin type. They should tell you when you have had enough tanning, and when to seek a doctor. They will not allow people under the age of sixteen to use the tanning beds without a parent's consent. For safer tanning, try using sunscreens and gradual exposure.



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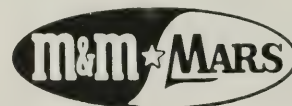
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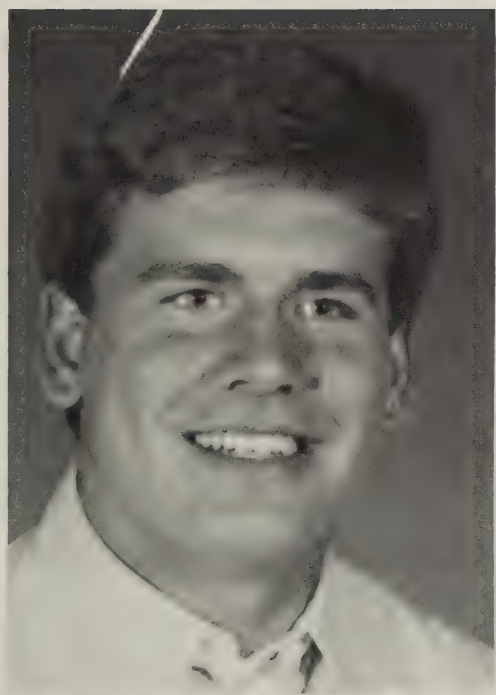
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Fashion Looks Back

Instead of leaping ahead in time, fashion took a step back and turned to previous trends for ideas. Believe it or not, the long arm of fashion even reaches Poquoson, and everyone is sporting the latest in style. Clothes for guys and girls are pretty much the same.

For the guys, the most dominant force behind fashion is the "Vice" look. Powered by the hot television show "Miami Vice" guys everywhere have the casual, laid back look. Italian sportswear, including lightweight jackets and pants, shoes without socks, and a pastel cotton shirt are popularized by the show's flashy star, Don Johnson.

Women's fashion comes right out of the past with brooches and skirts that tend to be a bit longer and tighter. Also revived is the ever-popular stirruped pants worn years ago. Shakerknit sweaters hold their ground for the third year, and girls have at least five variations and colors by Forenza. Flower prints are also prevalent and are displayed on both shirts and jeans. Paisley, that longtime sixties favorite, is a major item and everyone has at least one paisley creation.

Fashion is an ever-changing market and no one knows what tomorrow will bring. Who would have ever thought a few years back that people today would be wearing two watches. The world of fashion will always be around and people, both young and old, will try to keep up.



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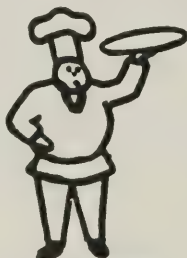
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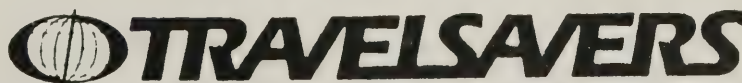
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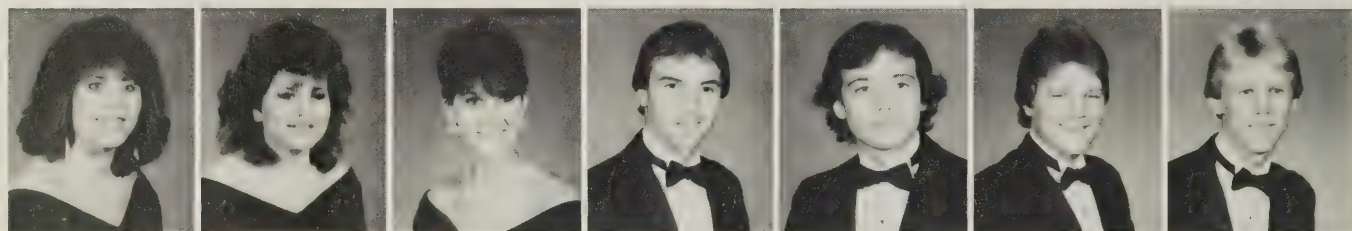


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Bench warmers work hard all season and sometimes it pays off. Because of their dedication, they often find themselves not sitting on the bench but out playing on the court. Many keep their spirits up even if the team loses. They never let it bother them, they keep on working hard.

"All of a sudden, I have a burst of energy," is how Elizabeth Tinsley feels when being put into the game. She also feels good when she gets out on the court.

"I feel pepped up!" said Jill Deaton.

The bench warmers can handle this, but could anyone else? Their hard work pays off and through the good times and the bad, they stick with their team.



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D.R. Ankeney Fundraising, Inc. is owned and operated by President David R. Ankeney, Sr. Mr. Ankeney has had the business for six years and enjoys his work very much. The business is located in Poquoson and is run in a "friendly, local style."

Poquosonites receive special treatment from Mr. Ankeney's business in that they receive a five percent discount on all sales and fundraising drives. Out of all his Virginia territories, Mr. Ankeney only offers this discount to Poquoson as a service to the community as an aid for greater profit.

Such items as uniforms, class money and activity funds all stem from fundraising. D.R. Ankeney Fundraising supplies such products as Reese cups, Nestle-Beich candybars, and products of M&M-Mars as profitable fundraisers. They all help organizations achieve their fundraising goals.



At the halftime of the Tabb/Poquoson football game, Mr. Buddy Spencer received the "Get the Clock" Award from Mr. Olen Evens, Mr. Bob Howard, and James Carmines.



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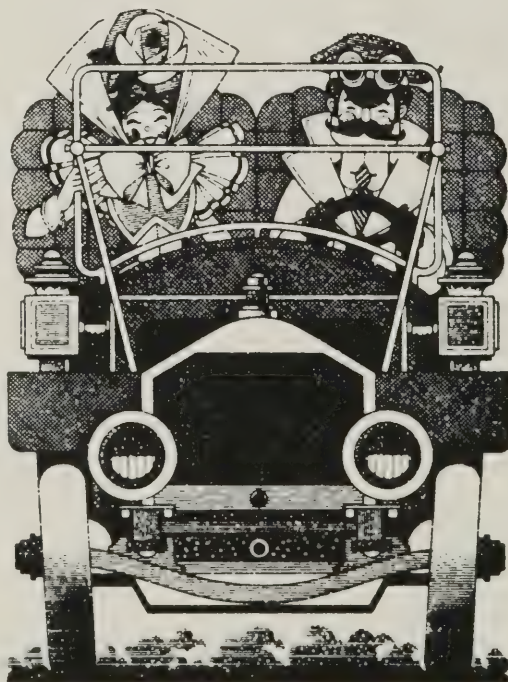
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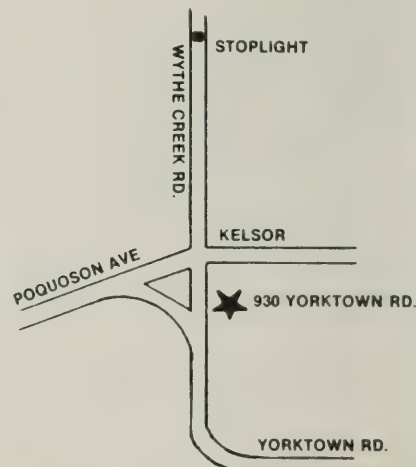
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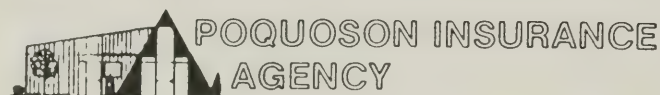
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The money from these activities goes to buy the different necessities needed by each athletic team. What the boosters believe to be the most important necessity at that time, no matter which team, will receive the amount of money they need first.

There are some problems that the Sports Boosters have come across, such as not getting enough support from the community or the lack of funds to do what they would like to do for the athletic program. Despite these problems, the Poquoson Sports Boosters, by raising funds and supporting the athletic teams through failure and victory, have greatly helped the community and school.



Sandwiches and french fries, a favorite lunch,
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Islander Band Awards 1982

Apple Blossom Firman's Parade
Second Place Band Class C
Director's Award
Neptune Festival Youth Day Parade
First Place Band
Poquoson Seafood Festival Parade
First Place Band
William and Mary Homecoming Parade
First Place Band
University of Richmond Band Parade
First Place Drum Majors
Third Place Band

Apple Blossom Grand Feature Parade
First Place Band Class C
First Place Drum Majors
Second Place Drum Majors
Second Place Drill Team
Second Place Color Guard
Fourth Place Majorettes
Director's Award

Islander Band Awards 1983

Apple Blossom Firefighters Parade
First Place Band Class B
First Place Drum Majors
Second Place Majorettes
Neptune Festival Youth Day Parade
First Place Band
William and Mary Homecoming Parade
First Place Band

Apple Blossom Grand Feature Parade
Second Place Band Class B
First Place Drum Majors
Third Place Majorettes
Second Place Band

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District Festival
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Urbanna Oyster Festival
First Place Band
Mayor's Award
Gloucester Christmas Parade
First Place Band

Six Flags Festival
Concert Excellent Rating
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Williamsburg Christmas Parade
First Place Band
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Urbanna Oyster Festival
First Place Band
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William and Mary Homecoming Parade
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First Place Band
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Excellent Rating

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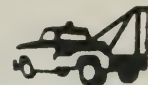
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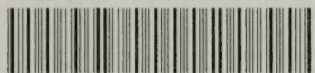


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